



GM to lay off up to 14K workers, close as many as 5 plants

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors will cut up to 14,000 workers in North America and put five plants up for possible closure as it abandons many of its car models and restructures to focus more on autonomous and electric vehicles, the automaker announced Monday. The reductions could amount to as much as 8 percent of GM's global workforce of 180,000 employees. The restructuring reflects changing North American auto markets as

manufacturers continue to shift away from cars toward SUVs and trucks. In October, almost 65 percent of new vehicles sold in the U.S. were trucks or SUVs. That figure was about 50 percent cars just five years ago. GM is shedding cars largely because it doesn't make money on them, Citi analyst Itay Michaeli wrote in a note to investors. "We estimate sedans operate at a significant loss, hence the need for classic restructuring," he wrote.



In this July 27, 2011, file photo, assembly worker Julaynne Trusel works on a Chevrolet Volt at the General Motors Hamtramck Assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich.

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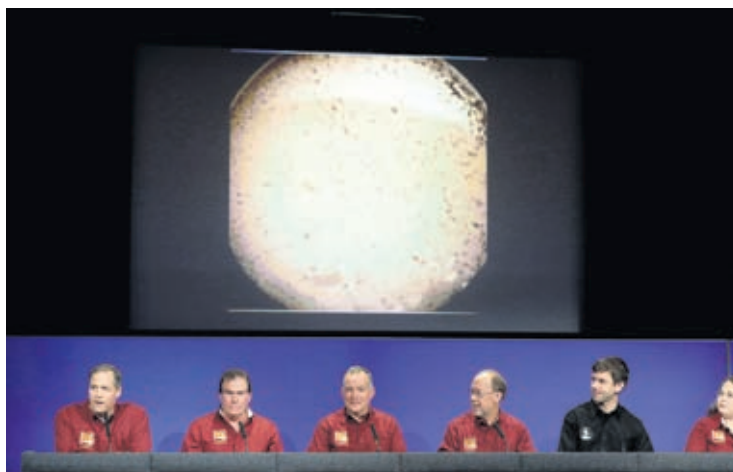
'Flawless': NASA craft lands on Mars after perilous journey

By MARCIA DUNN, AP Aero-
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — A NASA spacecraft designed to drill down into Mars' interior landed on the planet Monday after a perilous, supersonic plunge through its red skies, setting off jubilation among scientists who had waited in white-knuckle suspense for confirmation to arrive across 100 million miles of space.

Flight controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, leaped out of their chairs, screaming, dancing and hugging, upon learning that InSight had arrived on Mars, the graveyard for a multitude of previous missions.



From left, NASA officials Jim Bridenstine, Michael Watkins, Tom Hoffman, Bruce Banerdt, Andrew Klesh and Elizabeth Barrett make statements under a photograph sent from Mars by the InSight lander at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, in Pasadena, Calif.

"Touchdown confirmed!" a flight controller called out just before 3 p.m. EST, instantly dispelling the anxiety that had gripped the

control room as the spacecraft made its six-minute descent.

Because of the distance between Earth and Mars, it took eight minutes for confirmation to arrive, relayed by a pair of tiny satellites that had been trailing InSight throughout the six-month, 300-million-mile (482-million-kilometer) journey.

The two satellites not only transmitted the good news in almost real time, they also sent back InSight's first snapshot of Mars just 4½ minutes after landing.

The picture was speckled with dirt because the dust cover was still on the lander's camera, but the terrain at first glance looked smooth and sandy with just one sizable rock visible — pretty much what scientists had hoped for. Better photos are expected in the days ahead.

It was NASA's — indeed, humanity's — eighth successful landing at Mars since the 1976 Viking probes, and the first in six years. NASA's Curiosity rover, which arrived in 2012, is still on the move on Mars.

"Flawless," declared JPL's chief engineer, Rob Man-

ning. "This is what we really hoped and imagined in our mind's eye," he added. "Sometimes things work out in your favor."

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, presiding over his first Mars landing as the space agency's boss, said: "What an amazing day for our country."

InSight, part of a \$1 billion international mission, features a German-led mechanical mole that will burrow down 16 feet (5 meters) to measure the planet's internal heat. Nothing has ever dug deeper into Mars than several inches. The lander also has a French-made seismometer for measuring quakes, if they exist on our smaller, geologically calmer neighbor. Another experiment will calculate Mars' wobble to reveal the makeup of the planet's core.

"In the coming months and years even, history books will be rewritten about the interior of Mars," said JPL's director, Michael Watkins. Many Mars-bound spacecraft launched by the U.S., Russia and other spacefaring countries have been lost or destroyed over the years, with a success rate of just 40 percent, not counting InSight.

NASA went with its old, straightforward approach this time, using a parachute and braking engines to get InSight's speed from 12,300 mph (19,800 kph) when it pierced the Martian atmosphere, about 77 miles (114 kilometers) up, to 5 mph (8kph) at touchdown. The danger was that the spacecraft could burn up in the atmosphere or bounce off it.

The three-legged InSight settled on the western side of Elysium Planitia, the plain that NASA was aiming for.

Project manager Tom Hoffman said the spacecraft landed close to the bull's-eye, but NASA did not have yet have the final calculations.

He said that it was hard to tell from the first photo whether there were any slopes nearby, but that it appeared he got the flat, smooth "parking lot" he was hoping for.

Museums, planetariums and libraries across the U.S. held viewing parties to watch the events unfold at JPL. NASA TV coverage was also shown on the giant screen in New York's Times Square, where crowds huddled under umbrellas in the rain.

The 800-pound (360-kilogram) InSight is stationary and will operate from the same spot for the next two years, the duration of a Martian year. Its first job was to get a fast picture out. The next task was unfolding its solar panels. NASA wanted to wait 16 minutes for the dust to settle before attempting that; it was awaiting word Monday night on how that went.

It will take months to set up and fine-tune the instruments. Lead scientist Bruce Banerdt said he doesn't expect to start getting a stream of solid data until late next spring, and it may take the entire mission to really get the goods.

"It's going to be awesome. I can't wait to start seeing marsquakes," Hoffman said.

Mars' well-preserved interior provides a snapshot of what Earth may have looked like following its formation 4.5 billion years ago, according to Banerdt. While Earth is active seismically, Mars "decided to rest on its laurels" after it formed, he said. □

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The reduction includes about 8,000 white-collar employees, or 15 percent of GM's North American white-collar workforce. Some will take buyouts while others will be laid off. At the factories, around 3,300 blue-collar workers could lose jobs in the U.S. and another 2,600 in Canada, but some U.S. workers could transfer to truck or SUV factories that are increasing production. The cuts mark GM's first major downsizing since shedding thousands of jobs in the Great Recession.

The company also said it will stop operating two additional factories outside North America by the end of next year, in addition to a previously announced plant closure in Gunsan, South Korea.

General Motors Co.'s preemptive strike to get leaner before the next downturn likely will be followed by Ford Motor Co., which has said it is restructuring and will lay off an unspecified number of white-collar workers. Toyota Motor Corp. also has discussed cutting costs, even though it's building a new assembly plant in Alabama.

GM isn't the first to abandon much of the car market. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles got out of small and midsize cars two years ago, while Ford announced plans to shed all cars but the Mustang sports car in the U.S. in the coming years.

The layoffs come amid the backdrop of a trade wars between the U.S., China and Europe that likely will lead to higher prices for imported vehicles and those exported from the U.S. GM CEO Mary Barra said the company faces challeng-

es from tariffs but she did not directly link the layoffs to them.

GM doesn't foresee an economic downturn and is making the cuts "to get in front of it while the company is strong and while the economy is strong," Barra told reporters.

Factories that could be closed include assembly plants in Detroit and Oshawa, Ontario, and Lordstown, Ohio, as well as transmission plants in Warren, Michigan, and near Baltimore.

The announcement worried GM workers who could lose their jobs.

"I don't know how I'm going to feed my family," Matt Smith, a worker at the Ontario factory, said Monday outside the plant's south gate, where workers blocked trucks from entering or leaving. "It's hard. It's horrible."

Smith's wife also works at the plant. The couple has an 11-month-old at home. Workers at the Ontario plant walked off the job Monday but were expected to return Tuesday.

After the morning announcement, Barra was to head for Washington to speak with White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow in what was described as a previously scheduled meeting, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly.

President Donald Trump, who has made bringing back auto jobs a big part of his appeal to Ohio and other Great Lakes states that are crucial to his reelection, said his administration and lawmakers are exerting "a lot of pressure" on GM.

Trump said he was being tough on Barra. He said he told the company that the U.S. has done a lot for GM and that if its cars aren't selling, the company needs to produce ones that will.

At a rally near GM's Lordstown, Ohio, plant last summer, Trump told people not to sell their homes because the jobs are "all coming back." Most of the factories to be affected by GM's restructuring build cars that will not be sold in the U.S. after next year.

They could close or they could get different vehicles to build.

Their futures will be part of contract talks with the United Auto Workers union next year.

The Detroit-based union has already condemned GM's

actions and threatened to fight them "through every legal, contractual and collective bargaining avenue open to our membership." Bobbi Marsh, who has worked assembling the Chevrolet Cruze compact car at the Ohio plant since 2008, said she can't understand why the factory might close given the strong economy.

She now faces an uncertain future, not knowing whether the plant will close for good or if there's a chance it could find another use.

"Everything is up in the air," she said.

"I don't want to give up hope for this facility and these people. I spend more time around them than my own family. It would be like

breaking up a family."

Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown said the move will be disastrous for the region around Youngstown, Ohio, east of Cleveland, where GM is one of the area's few remaining industrial anchors.

"GM received record tax breaks as a result of the GOP's tax bill last year, and has eliminated jobs instead of using that tax windfall to invest in American workers," he said in a statement. Many of those who will lose jobs are now working on conventional cars with internal combustion engines. Barra said the industry is changing rapidly and moving toward electric propulsion, autonomous vehicles and ride-sharing, and GM must adjust. □

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Global trade is at stake as Trump and Xi come face to face

By **PAUL WISEMAN**, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — To hear President Donald Trump tell it, he was made for a moment like this: A high-stakes face-off. A ticking clock. A cagey adversary.

The man who calls himself a supreme dealmaker will have the opportunity this week to put himself to the test. The question is whether he can defuse a trade war with China that is shaking financial markets and threatening the global economy — and perhaps achieve something approximating a breakthrough.

Trump is to meet with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, during the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday and Saturday. Unless the two leaders can achieve a truce of sorts, their conflicts will likely escalate: On Jan. 1, the tariffs Trump has imposed on many Chinese goods are set to rise from 10 percent to 25 percent, and Beijing would likely retaliate.

Most analysts have said they doubt Trump and Xi will reach any overarching deal that would settle the dispute for good.

The optimistic view is that the two sides may agree to a cease-fire that would buy time for more substantive talks and postpone the scheduled escalation in U.S. import taxes.

Yet no one really knows. Each side seems prepared to wait out the other in a conflict that could persist indefinitely.

In advance of the meeting, Trump has sounded his usual note of boastful confidence. Speaking to reporters on Thanksgiving Day, he said:

"I'm very prepared. You



In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping participate in a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

Associated Press.

know, it's not like, 'Oh, gee, I'm going to sit down and study.' I know every stat. I know it better than anybody knows it. And my gut has always been right."

Most trade analysts are skeptical that any significant agreement is likely this week.

"Expectations should be very low," said Wendy Cutler, vice president of the Asia Society Institute and a former U.S. trade official who negotiated with China. "We need to be very clear-eyed. It's going to be a very difficult negotiation. The issues at hand don't lend themselves to quick solutions."

The trade war erupted last fall after Trump imposed import taxes on \$250 billion of Chinese goods, and Beijing retaliated with tariffs on U.S. exports. The justification for the U.S. move, according to Trump, is that Beijing has long deployed preda-

tory tactics in its drive to supplant America's technological dominance. The administration alleges — and many trade experts agree — that Beijing hacks into U.S. companies' networks to steal trade secrets and forces American and other foreign companies to hand over sensitive technology as the price of access to China's market.

Beijing disputes those allegations and asserts that Trump's sanctions are merely an effort to hinder an ambitious rival.

Besides the scheduled escalation in U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods — an additional \$50 billion in Chinese imports already face the higher tax — another threat looms: Trump has threatened to tax \$267 billion more in Chinese imports.

At that point, just about everything Beijing ships to the United States would face a

higher import tax.

Growing concerns that the trade war will increasingly hurt corporate earnings and the U.S. economy are a key reason why U.S. stock prices have been sinking. As of Friday's close, the Standard & Poor's 500 index has shed roughly 10 of its value since setting a record high Sept. 20.

Joining other forecasters, economists at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development last week downgraded their outlook for global economic growth next year to 3.5 percent from a previous 3.7 percent.

In doing so, they cited the trade conflict as well as political uncertainty.

Some big U.S. companies, in reporting quarterly earnings in October, warned that they were absorbing higher costs from Trump's increased tariffs, which have been imposed not

only on Chinese goods but also on imported steel and other goods from other countries.

"We need some certainty," said Craig Allen, president of the U.S.-China Business Council and a former American diplomat.

"The U.S. and China cannot go into a trade war and not affect global markets ... We need to resolve our differences." Yet as Trump and Xi prepare to meet, the backdrop is hardly encouraging. Acrimony between the two sides disrupted this month's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Papua New Guinea.

The 21 APEC countries, torn by differences between Beijing and Washington, failed to agree on a declaration on world trade for the first time in nearly three decades. Vice President Mike Pence and Xi sniped at each other in speeches. Then last week, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer issued a report charging China's efforts to steal U.S. trade secrets have "increased in frequency and sophistication" this year despite American sanctions.

"China fundamentally has not altered its acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation, and indeed appears to have taken further unreasonable actions in recent months," the report concluded.

The tenor of the report suggested that the United States would take a hard line into this week's talks. In the meantime, "the amount of uncertainty is unprecedented and very disquieting to the markets," said Allen of the U.S.-China Business Council.

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Trump himself sought Monday to increase the pressure on China.

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, Trump said it was "highly unlikely" that he would agree to Beijing's request to suspend the tariff hikes that are set to take effect Jan. 1.

And he repeated his threat to target an additional \$267 billion in Chinese imports with tariffs of 10 percent or 25 percent.

Clouding the outlook are mixed messages from the Trump administration.

The White House appears divided between hawks like Trump's trade adviser, Peter Navarro, and free traders like the top White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow.

On Nov. 9, Navarro delivered a combative speech suggesting that Trump didn't care what Wall Street thought of his confrontational China policy. Four days later, Kudlow

went on CNBC and dismissed Navarro's remarks as "way off base."

"They were not authorized by anybody," Kudlow said. "I actually think he did the president a great disservice."

Regardless of which approach Trump takes to Buenos Aires, Trump and Xi don't have to resolve their differences this week. A cease-fire that suspends any further escalation of the U.S. tariffs wouldn't be unprecedented.

The administration and the European Union, for instance, reached a truce last summer that suspended threatened U.S. tariffs on European auto imports. "My personal guess — and I'm sticking my neck out here — is that there will be some kind of cease-fire agreed to," said Matthew Goodman, a senior adviser on Asian economics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Goodman noted that Trump appears concerned

about tumbling stock prices, and Xi is contending with a decelerating Chinese economy.

A truce would bring at least a temporary calm.

"No one is expecting they will come out with a solid agreement," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. "What the market wants — what the market needs — is a sense that they are negotiating and that the negotiations will continue." □

Associate of Trump confidant Stone says he'll reject plea

By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An associate of Trump confidant Roger Stone said Monday that he is rejecting a plea offer in the special counsel's Russia investigation.

In an email to The Associated Press, Corsi, a conservative author who has pushed conspiracy theories, said he planned to reject a potential plea deal with prosecutors.

He did not elaborate, but in earlier interviews with other news organizations, he said he had been offered a chance to plead guilty to a single count of lying to investigators. He said he planned to reject that offer because it would force him to admit to willfully lying, which he insisted he did not do.

"They can put me in prison the rest of my life," Corsi told CNN. "I am not going to sign a lie."

Mueller's team has ques-



In this Oct. 7, 2008, file photo, Jerome Corsi, right, arrives at the immigration department in Nairobi, Kenya.

tioned Corsi, a former Washington bureau chief of InfoWars, as prosecutors scrutinize Stone's possible connections to WikiLeaks. American intelligence agencies have said Russia was the source of the hacked material released by the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks in the closing

weeks of the 2016 presidential election. Those emails included messages from John Podesta, the chairman of Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign.

Mueller is trying to determine whether Stone and other associates of President Donald Trump had advance knowledge of

WikiLeaks' plans.

ABC News reported that Corsi had provided copies of a draft plea agreement in which he would have admitted to lying about an email about an associate's "request to get in touch with an organization that he understood to be in possession of stolen emails and

other documents pertaining to the 2016 U.S. presidential election."

Corsi's lawyer, David Gray, declined to comment, as did Peter Carr, a spokesman for special counsel Robert Mueller.

Corsi told the AP last week that he was in plea negotiations with Mueller's office and had earlier said on his YouTube show that he expected to be indicted for making false statements.

Corsi has said he cooperated with the probe for about two months after he received a subpoena in August. As part of that cooperation, he turned over two computers and a cell phone and provided the FBI access to his email accounts and tweets.

Stone has denied being a conduit for WikiLeaks and has not been charged. He has said he did not have advance knowledge of the source, content or exact timing of the WikiLeaks release. □

Trump strongly defends use of tear gas on caravan migrants

By COLLEEN LONG and ELIOT SPAGAT, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — President Donald Trump is strongly defending the U.S. use of tear gas at the Mexican border to repel a crowd of migrants that included angry rock-throwers but also barefoot, crying children.

Critics denounced the border agents' action as overkill, but Trump kept to a hard line.

"They were being rushed by some very tough people and they used tear gas," Trump said Monday of the previous day's encounter. "Here's the bottom line: Nobody is coming into our country unless they come in legally."

The showdown at the San Diego-Tijuana border crossing has thrown into sharp relief two competing narratives about the caravan of migrants hoping to apply for asylum but stuck on the Mexican side. Trump portrays them as a threat to U.S. national security, intent on exploiting America's asylum law, but others insist he is exaggerating to stoke fears and achieve his political goals.

The sheer size of the caravan makes it unusual.

"I think it's so unprecedented that everyone is hanging their own fears and political agendas on the caravan," said Andrew Selee, president of the Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank that studies immigration. "You can call it scary, you can call it hopeful, you can call it a sign of human misery. You can hang whatever angle you want to on it."

Trump rails against migrant caravans as dangerous groups of mostly single men. That view featured heavily in his speeches during the midterm election campaign when several were hundreds of miles away, traveling on foot. Officials have said some 500 members are criminals, but haven't backed that up with details on why they think so. On Monday, Trump tweeted the cara-



A Central American migrant is stopped by U.S. agents who order him to go back to the Mexican side of the border, after a group of migrants got past Mexican police at the Chaparral crossing in Tijuana, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, at the border with San Ysidro, California.

Associated Press.

van at the border included "stone cold criminals."

Mario Figueroa — Tijuana's social services department director who is overseeing operations at the sports complex where most of the migrants in the caravan are staying — said as of Friday that of the 4,938 staying there, 933 were women, 889 were children and 3,105 were men, which includes fathers traveling with families along with single men.

The U.S. military said Monday that about 300 troops who had been deployed in south Texas and Arizona as part of a border security mission have been moved

to California for similar work. The military's role is limited largely to erecting barriers along the border and providing transportation and logistical support to Customs and Border Protection.

Democratic lawmakers and immigrant rights groups blasted the border agents' Sunday tactics.

"These children are barefoot. In diapers. Choking on tear gas," California Governor-elect Gavin Newsom tweeted. "Women and children who left their lives behind -- seeking peace and asylum -- were met with violence and fear. That's not my America."

But U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said the administration's concerns about the caravan "were borne out and on full display" Sunday.

McAleenan said hundreds — perhaps more than 1,000 — people attempted to rush vehicle lanes at the San Ysidro crossing. Mexican authorities estimated the crowd at 500. The chaos followed what began as a peaceful march to appeal for the U.S. to speed processing of asylum claims.

After being stopped by Mexican authorities, the migrants split into groups.



A Honduran migrant lies on the riverbank as Mexican police move away from tear gas fired by U.S. agents at the Mexico-U.S. border in Tijuana, Mexico, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018.

Associated Press.

On the west side of the crossing, some tried to get through razor-wire fencing in a concrete levee that separates the two countries. On the east side, some pulled back a panel of fencing made of Army surplus steel landing mats to create an opening of about 4 feet, through which a group of more than 30 people crossed, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Others made it over a steel fence farther east. McAleenan said four agents were struck with rocks but were not injured because they were wearing protective gear.

Border Protection agents launched pepper spray balls in addition to tear gas in what officials said were on-the-spot decisions made by agents. U.S. troops deployed to the border on Trump's orders were not involved in the operation.

"The agents on scene, in their professional judgment, made the decision to address those assaults using less lethal devices," McAleenan told reporters.

The scene was reminiscent of the 1980s and early 1990s when large groups of migrants rushed vehicle lanes at San Ysidro and overwhelmed Border Patrol agents in nearby streets and fields.

U.S. authorities made 69 arrests on Sunday. Mexican authorities said 39 people were arrested in Mexico.

The incident left many migrants feeling they had lost whatever possibility they might have had for making asylum cases.

Isauro Mejia, 46, of Cortes, Honduras, looked for a cup of coffee Monday morning after spending Sunday caught up in the clash.

"The way things went yesterday ... I think there is no chance," he said.

Mexico's Interior Ministry said in a statement it would immediately deport those people arrested on its side and would reinforce security. □



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7 nooses found by Mississippi Capitol before Senate runoff

By **EMILY WAGSTER PET-TUS**, Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — State and federal investigators are trying to find out who hung seven nooses in trees outside the Mississippi Capitol early Monday, a day before a U.S. Senate runoff that has focused attention on the state's history of racist violence. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety says the nooses were accompanied by handwritten signs referring to Tuesday's election as well as to lynchings — most of them in the state's turbulent past, but also one recent case that remains under investigation, of a black man whose body was found hanging in central Mississippi. The department posted photos of the signs on social media and



In this photo provided by WLBT-TV a noose hangs on a tree on the state capitol grounds in Jackson, Miss. on Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

Associated Press.

sought information about them from the public. One sign referred to the Tuesday runoff between appointed Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, who is white, and Democrat Mike Espy, who is black. The sign also read: "We need some-

one who respects the lives of lynch victims." Another sign read: "We're hanging nooses to remind people that times haven't changed." Hyde-Smith has drawn fire for a photo showing her wearing a replica hat of a

Confederate soldier, and a video showing her praising a supporter by saying, "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row." She said the hanging remark was an "exaggerated expression of regard" for the supporter, but the remarks drew sharp criticism in a state with a 38 percent black population. She apologized "to anyone that was offended." Espy is trying to become the first African-American U.S. senator from Mississippi since Reconstruction. Neither Espy nor a Hyde-Smith campaign spokeswoman would comment on the nooses. Chuck McIntosh, a spokesman for the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, which oversees the Capitol, said

the nooses and signs were found starting shortly before 8 a.m. Monday outside the Capitol in downtown Jackson. The matter is under investigation by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Mississippi Capitol Police and the U.S. attorney's office. "With our law enforcement partners, we are actively looking into these acts of hate and intimidation," U.S. Attorney Mike Hurst said in a statement. "Let me be perfectly clear — there is absolutely no place in our state for these unacceptable symbols or tactics to intimidate others. If we find evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that a federal crime has occurred, these criminals will be swiftly prosecuted." □

Slick roads, blowing snow delay air, road travel in Midwest

By **NOREEN NASIR**, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A wintry storm brought blizzard-like conditions to parts of the Midwest early Monday, grounding hundreds of flights and causing scores of accidents and at least one death on slick roads crowded with people returning from work after the Thanksgiving weekend. The Chicago area was slammed with up to a foot (30 centimeters) of wet snow, and whiteout conditions stalled commuter traffic on the roads. The National Weather Service said 7.5 inches (19 centimeters)



Crews de-ice an American Airlines plane at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, Nov. 26, 2018, in Chicago.

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of snow fell at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and 4.9 inches (12.5

centimeters) fell at Midway International Airport. The Chicago Department of Aviation says more than 1,200 flights were canceled at O'Hare between midnight and 3 p.m. Monday, after 700 flights at the airport were canceled Sunday. At Midway International Airport, where 123 flights were canceled on Sunday, another 71 flights had been canceled as of midnight. One Chicago native trying to fly to Orlando, Florida, chided himself for not heeding the forecast, but maintained his sense of humor. "I knew it was right around the corner, and behold I stayed that one extra day

and paid the price. So I was able to spend the evening here at beautiful O'Hare and had plenty of company," said Mark McCoy, referring to all the other travelers stranded at the travel hub. "It's all part of the Thanksgiving travel experience," McCoy said. One couple was faced with an unexpectedly long layover in Chicago after spending two weeks with their son in Thailand. Bob Kernez, 61, said he and his wife were contemplating getting a hotel room in the city but were unsure if they wanted to leave the airport. □

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UK's May fights to sell Brexit deal to a skeptical country

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Theresa May made a blunt appeal to skeptical lawmakers on Monday to back her divorce deal with the European Union: It isn't perfect, but it's all there is, and the alternative is a leap into the unknown.

In essence, she urged Parliament: Let's agree and move on, for the sake of the voters.

Britain and the 27 other EU leaders signed off on a Brexit deal Sunday after more than a year and a half of tough negotiations. It was a day many doubted would ever come, but May was anything but triumphant as she reported back to Parliament, which now controls the fate of the deal. May confirmed that British lawmakers will vote Dec. 11, after several days of debate, on whether to approve or reject the agreement.

Scores of legislators — from both the opposition and May's governing Conservative Party — have vowed to oppose it. Rejection would plunge Britain into a political crisis and potential financial turmoil just weeks before it is due to leave the EU on March 29.

"No one knows what would happen if this deal didn't pass," May told the House of Commons.

"Our duty as a Parliament over these coming weeks is to examine this deal in detail, to debate it respectfully, to listen to our constituents and decide what is in our national interest."

Before then, May plans a frantic two-week cross-country campaign to con-

vince both the public and lawmakers that the deal delivers on voters' decision in 2016 to leave the EU "while providing a close

with us, and that wouldn't be a good thing."

"I don't think that the prime minister meant that and hopefully she'll be able to

rules and the obligations of membership at least until the end of 2020 while a permanent new relationship is worked out.

want a harder or a softer break with the EU. Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, which props up May's minority government, also opposes it, as do all the main opposition parties.

"The Prime Minister and the whole House knows the mathematics — this will never get through," said Brexit-backing Conservative Mark Francois, who described the deal "a surrender" to the EU.

Brexit Secretary Stephen Barclay conceded that "it's going to be a challenging vote." But he said Britain would be in "choppy waters" if the deal was rejected.

Both Britain and the EU are adamant that the U.K. can't renegotiate the agreement, and opponents of the deal do not agree on what should happen next if Parliament rejects it. Some want an election, others a new referendum, and some say Britain should leave the bloc without a deal.

"I can say to the House with absolute certainty that there is not a better deal available," May said. She said rejecting it "would open the door to more division and more uncertainty, with all the risks that will entail." □



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May makes a statement on Brexit to the House of Commons in London, Monday Nov. 26, 2018.

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economic and security relationship with our nearest neighbors."

But May's defense of her hard-won deal in Parliament was followed by a torrent of criticism, from hard-core Brexit-backers, pro-EU lawmakers and previously loyal backbenchers alike.

In another potential blow for May, President Donald Trump said her agreement "sounds like a great deal for the EU" that would make it more difficult for the U.K. to strike a trade deal with the U.S. Brexiters see a wide-ranging trade deal with the U.S. as one of Britain's main goals after leaving the EU. Trump said that "right now if you look at the deal they may not be able to trade

do something about that," Trump said outside the White House. "But right now as the deal stands, she may not, they may not be able to trade with the U.S. and I don't think they want that at all."

In response to Trump's comments, May's 10 Downing St. office said that under the deal agreed with the EU, "we will have an independent trade policy so that the U.K. can sign trade deals with countries around the world — including with the U.S."

But during Monday's debate in Parliament, legislators again expressed their deep unease, if not hatred, of the deal that keeps Britain outside the EU with no say but still subject to the

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said the "botched deal" would leave Britain worse off, with "no say over EU rules and no certainty for the future."

"Plowing on is not stoic. It's an act of national self-harm," he said.

May argued that the British people are sick of endless debates about Brexit, and backing the deal would allow "us to come together again as a country whichever way we voted."

"The majority of the British public want us to get on with doing what they asked us to," she said.

The majority of lawmakers appear unconvinced. Dozens of Conservative legislators say they will reject the deal, either because they



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Germany marks 20th anniversary of Nazi looted art agreement

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German officials, Jewish leaders researchers and others have marked the 20th anniversary of the international agreement on returning art looted by the Nazis with new pledges and proposals aimed at breathing new life into the process.

Culture Minister Monika Gruetters said Monday it is Germany's responsibility to improve upon the so-called Washington Principles to restore cultural objects to their original Jewish owners or heirs, noting that their meaning goes beyond the purely financial.

"Behind every stolen object is the fate of an individual," she said.

The Washington Principles were drafted in 1998 to assist in resolving issues related to returning Nazi-confiscated art and were signed by more than three dozen countries — acknowledging that many items did not remain in Germany after the war.

There are also the issues of art sold by Jews fleeing Nazi Germany at rock-bottom prices to finance their escape or to support themselves in their new homelands, and also trying to determine who the rightful heirs are today now that



Monika Gruetters, Germany's culture minister, right, and Stuart Eizenstat, special advisor to the U.S. state department, attend a conference on looted art on occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Washington principles in Berlin Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

most original owners are deceased.

Ronald Lauder, head of the World Jewish Congress, said many countries are effectively ignoring the Washington Principles, noting specific problems in Hungary, Poland, Spain, Switzerland the Netherlands and France.

For example, France had 60,000 artworks returned to it after the war, of which 15,000 were unclaimed. Some 2,000 of the best were given to French museums, and the rest were sold.

"For 20 years France has not been able to figure out who owns those 2,000 works in their museums," Lauder said. "Somehow the auc-

tion house Christie's can review 100,000 pieces every year, but France cannot figure out 2,000 pieces in 20 years."

In Germany, Lauder said the country's "commitment to Holocaust awareness is exemplary" but that there have been problems in the return of Nazi-looted art, which he said are "more institutional than personal." Among other things, he said that the commission set up to mediate claims has only looked at 15 cases in 15 years, and that navigating the country's "byzantine bureaucracy" is a challenge for anyone looking to research or file a claim.

In response to such criti-

cism, Gruetters said Germany is establishing a "help desk" that will aid anyone interested in filing a claim. In addition, in the past where both a museum and the heir to an artwork had to decide to take a case to arbitration, that is now being changed so that a resolution can be sought by an heir without the museum's agreement.

The single-party consent applies only to museums under federal jurisdiction but officials hope the thousands of state-run museums will follow suit.

Germany also plans to increase its research into finding heirs, and put more information about its collections online so that they

can be accessed anywhere in the world for people seeking to find possibly looted property.

Despite frustrations with the process, Stuart Eizenstat, an adviser to the U.S. State Department on Holocaust-era issues who helped negotiate the Washington Principles, said a "very sizable" number of Nazi-looted artworks had been restored to their owners. Austria has restituted 30,000 cultural objects and Germany returned more than 16,000, including 5,746 art objects and 11,700 books, he said. But, Eizenstat said, many more changes are needed.

Those include all countries recognizing the forced sale of art was a form of plundering Jewish valuables, like Germany does, and that private auction houses follow the lead of Sotheby's and Christie's and institutionalize provenance research of all art they sell. He also echoed Lauder's comments that all countries that agreed to the Washington Principles need to live up to their commitments.

"There is simply no excuse in the 21st century for coveting Nazi looted art, and it does not speak well for the countries that do so," he said. □

Analysis: Strong opposition showing challenges Taiwan's Tsai

By **CHRISTOPHER BODEEN**

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A strong showing by Taiwan's opposition Nationalist Party in local elections over the weekend presents a major challenge to independence-leaning President Tsai Ing-wen as she grapples with growing economic, political and military pressure from rival China. While Saturday's polls were largely decided by local concerns, Beijing cast a heavy shadow after two years of unrelenting efforts to restrict Taiwan's participation in international society and advertise its threat to use force to bring the island under its control.

Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party lost power in its southern stronghold of Kaohsiung, while the Nationalists notched up 15 wins in the 22 major races being contested.

Independent Ko Wen-je appeared to have won re-election in Taipei, the capital, although his Nationalist rival Ting Shou-chung has filed for a recount. The DPP won just six major races.

Analysts and local media cited dissatisfaction with Tsai and the DPP rather than approval for the Nationalists, also known as the KMT, as a prime reason for the outcome.

"Rather than thinking that Saturday's results were because the KMT did a good job in opposition, it is more accurate to say they were due to voters' overwhelmingly negative perception of the DPP," Eric Yu of National Chengchi University's Election Study Center was quoted as saying in the Taipei Times on Monday.

Another factor cited was the Nationalists' Han Kuoyu, who ended 20 years of DPP rule in Kaohsiung by



In this Nov. 24, 2018, file photo, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, center, speaks to journalists after a vote in local elections in New Taipei City, Taiwan.

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soundly defeating his DPP rival, and seemed to galvanize opposition to the status quo under Tsai. While his candidacy received little initial support from the party establishment, Han rode a wave of grass-roots support and went on to stump for other Nationalist candidates, adding momentum to the Nationalists' sweep. Although China claims Taiwan as its own territory, it had largely withheld overtly intervening in the elections despite accusations of spreading disinformation. China has sought to isolate Tsai over her refusal to endorse its "one China" principle that designates Taiwan as a part of China. However, a spokesman on Sunday was quick to cite the election results as evidence that Taiwanese were becoming fed up with Tsai's approach. The outcome "reflected the strong will of the public in Taiwan to share the benefits of peaceful development across the Taiwan Straits, and their desire to improve the island's economy and people's well-being," Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman for the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office, was quoted as saying by China's official Xinhua News Agency. The office's Taiwanese counterpart fired back

swiftly, saying the elections — along with referendums on topics such as same-sex marriage and Taiwan's name used at the Olympics — were an "internal affair whose results testified to the mature development of Taiwan's democracy." "This lies at the core of Taiwan's democratic values, which Beijing should respect and correctly understand," the Mainland Affairs Council said on its website. "The only correct way to advance prosperity between the people of the two sides and eliminate differences is through communication and exchanges without political preconditions," the council said. The true impact of China's pressure campaign was difficult to gauge. Taiwanese voters are notoriously capricious, often changing sides based on their feelings toward a particular candidate, rather than over principle or policy. While the vast majority favor maintaining Taiwan's de facto independent status — as Tsai has done — they are also deeply concerned about falling behind China in the financial stakes, as working on the mainland has become an ever-more appealing option for young Taiwanese facing wage stagnation and lim-

ited markets at home.

Tsai resigned as DPP head on Saturday once the election results came in and now faces a considerably more hostile landscape as she contemplates running for re-election in 2020. Beijing has shown no sign of easing the pressure on her administration and is expected to begin wooing the more China-friendly election victors such as Han and the Nationalists' Taichung mayor-elect, Lu Shiow-yen.

Tsai's efforts at reforming the government and economy have also encountered headwinds, particularly her push to reduce generous civil service pensions.

"The election results are a major warning to Tsai's governing team," said Frank Cheng-shan Liu, a professor at National Sun Yat Sen University in Kaohsiung, who predicted increased friction within the DPP and greater difficulty in pushing Tsai's reform agenda.

However, Liu said the results had far less to do with Tsai's refusal to recognize the "one China" principle than with dissatisfaction over economic growth. While expected to grow at a relatively healthy pace of 2.6 percent this year, Taiwan's high-tech economy is generating fewer opportuni-

ties than in the past, while disparities in income are growing.

China's best option would be to stay low-key, since increased hostility could build resentment and shore up support for Tsai ahead of the 2020 election, Liu said.

"To play the friendly card is the best way to win the people's heart. If China continues to suppress Taipei, it will produce a counter-effect," he said.

Elsewhere over the weekend, voters in China's semi-autonomous region of Hong Kong elected a pro-establishment politician to the legislature in a by-election called after the incumbent was ejected from the body for "improper oath taking," one of six pro-democracy legislators ousted on that charge.

Chan Hoi-yan's sizable victory in the Kowloon West constituency ends the opposition's hopes of regaining veto power in the assembly and continues to reduce the influence of the pro-democracy camp that has been shrinking since widespread 2014 demonstrations fizzled out with little result.

China took control of the former British colony in 1997 under a system whereby it was to retain its own economic, legal and political systems for 50 years under Beijing's overall guidance.

The disqualification of pro-democracy candidates and demands for loyalty to China's ruling Communist Party are undermining confidence in the "one country, two systems" framework that has also been offered to Taiwan, said Ivan Choy, a professor of government and public administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

That has produced a "negative example" for Taiwan in terms of faith in China's promises and enthusiasm for unification with the mainland, Choy said.

"The deteriorating situation of the human right and freedom in Hong Kong would build up a negative demonstration effect to Taiwan," he said. □

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After dispute with Russia, Ukraine leader seeks martial law

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
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MOSCOW (AP) — Ukraine's president on Monday urged parliament to impose martial law in the country to fight "growing aggression from Russia," after a weekend naval confrontation off the disputed Crimean Peninsula in which Russia fired on and seized three Ukrainian vessels amid renewed tensions between the neighbors.

Western leaders and diplomats urged both sides to de-escalate the conflict, and the U.S. blamed Russia for what it called "unlawful conduct" over Sunday's incident in the Black Sea.

Russia and Ukraine blamed each other in the dispute that further ratcheted up tensions ever since Moscow annexed Crimea in 2014 and threw its weight behind separatists in eastern Ukraine with clandestine support, including troops and weapons.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko asked lawmakers in Kiev to institute martial law, something the country has not done even during the worst of the fighting in the east that killed about 10,000 people.

Poroshenko said martial law was necessary because of intelligence about "a highly serious threat of a ground operation against Ukraine." He did not elaborate.

"Martial law doesn't mean declaring a war," he said. "It is introduced with the sole purpose of boosting Ukraine's defense in the light of a growing aggres-



Chairman of the Ukrainian General Staff Viktor Muzhenko, bottom, speaks during a parliament session in Kiev, Ukraine, Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

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sion from Russia."

The proposed measures included a partial mobilization and strengthening the country's air defense. It also contained vaguely worded steps such as "strengthening" anti-terrorism measures and "information security." The proposal, which could curtail certain rights and freedoms, was met with suspicion from Poroshenko's critics who wondered why Sunday's incident merited a state of emergency. Poroshenko's approval ratings have been plunging, and martial law could mean that a presidential election scheduled for March might be postponed.

Just before the parliament was to vote on the propos-

al, Poroshenko sought to allay those fears by releasing a statement that revised his original proposal from a 60-day period of martial law to just 30 days, in order to "do away with the pretexts for political speculation."

Oksana Syroid, a deputy speaker of parliament, noted that martial law was not introduced in 2014 or 2015 despite large-scale fighting in the east.

A state of emergency "would present a wonderful chance to manipulate the presidential elections," she said.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Poroshenko assured him that should martial law be introduced, it would not have a negative impact on the

election.

Poroshenko's proposal also outraged far-right groups in Ukraine that have advocated severing diplomatic ties with Russia. Hundreds of protesters from the National Corps party waved flares in the snowy streets of Kiev outside parliament and accused the president of using martial law to his own ends.

But Poroshenko insisted that it was necessary because what happened in the Kerch Strait between Crimea and the Russian mainland "was no accident," adding that "this was not the culmination of it yet."

Russian coast guard ships fired on the Ukrainian navy vessels near the strait,

which separates the Black Sea from the Sea of Azov, injuring six Ukrainian seamen and eventually seizing the vessels and their crews. It was the first open military confrontation between the two neighbors since the annexation of Crimea.

Ukraine said its vessels were heading to the Sea of Azov in line with international maritime rules, while Russia charged that they had failed to obtain permission to pass through the narrow strait that is spanned by a 19-kilometer (11.8-mile) bridge that Russia completed this year.

While a 2003 treaty designates the Kerch Strait and Sea of Azov as shared territorial waters, Russia has sought to assert greater control over the passage since the annexation.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Pavlo Klimkin tweeted that the dispute was not an accident and that Russia had engaged in "deliberately planned hostilities," while Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov blamed Kiev for what he described as a "provocation," adding that "Ukraine had undoubtedly hoped to get additional benefits from the situation, expecting the U.S. and Europe to blindly take the provocateurs' side."

Klimkin told reporters in Kiev that the government is in talks with the Red Cross to make sure the captive seamen are treated as prisoners of war. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov did not say whether the Kremlin considers them prisoners of war. □

Latin America in flux as G20 leaders descend on the region

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — Argentina had hoped to show off its newly market-friendly economy to the world when the G-20 group of the world's top economies begins its first South American summit this week. Instead it's looking for help to avoid an all-out crisis.

The two-day meeting that starts Friday is meant to focus on development, infrastructure and food security, but most of the talk on the sidelines is expected to center on trade disputes between the U.S. and China and the signing of the new North American free trade deal.

Argentina, a darling of Wall Street just a year ago, finds itself hosting the summit while scrambling for international aid to fend off a collapse.

"The original vision for Argentina was to use the G-20 to showcase that it had transformed the economy, and instead it welcomes world leaders to the economic wreckage. So, the timing is inconvenient, to say the least," said Benjamin Gedan, an Argentina expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "Instead of a showcase, the G-20 is an opportunity to plead for international support."

Argentina was forced to obtain a record \$56 billion credit line from the International Monetary Fund recently following a currency crisis and spiraling inflation. The peso has depreciated by more than half this year and consumer prices are estimated to have risen by about 45 percent. Growing frustration over massive layoffs and poverty has also



In this Aug. 30, 2018 file photo, people walk past an exchange house in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Associated Press

stoked protests that are expected to re-ignite during the summit.

Still, President Mauricio Macri will want to show improvements in international relations during his three years in office after more than a decade of protectionist policies under the populist governments of President Cristina Fernandez and her late husband and predecessor, Nestor Kirchner.

Even with the economy in turmoil, Macri has resolved a longstanding legal dispute with creditors that gave Argentina renewed access to global credit markets for the first time a default in 2001-2002. He has also improved relations with the U.S. after years of animosity under his predecessors, keeping friendly ties both with U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

"Argentina is in a critical moment when it comes to international debt and it

will seize on this moment to confirm international support from other G-20 countries" that are leading creditors of the IMF, said Julio Burdman, a Buenos Aires-based political analyst and pollster.

Macri is also expected to make a renewed push for Argentina's membership into the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Meanwhile, neighboring Brazil and the other Latin American member, Mexico, are both in political flux, with one veering to further right and the other left.

Brazilian President Michel Temer will be replaced on Jan. 1 by rightist Jair Bolsonaro, who has often expressed admiration for Trump, criticized multilateralism and vowed to renegotiate or scrap trade deals. Like Trump, he has also been skeptical of Chinese investment, saying "the Chinese are not buying in Brazil. They are buy-

ing Brazil itself."

Monica de Bolle, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said Brazil will be focused more on relations with the U.S. and less on regional integration with Mexico or the South American trade bloc Mercosur.

"I think that agenda is now out the window, at least it's dropped from the Brazilian perspective," she said.

For Mexico, there are questions about whether "there really is any interest in engaging with the region or if the interest lies elsewhere given that Brazil is going to have an antagonistic, I think, administration with respect to Mexico given the ultra-conservative right-wing politics that Bolsonaro espouses."

Mexico and Canada recently reached agreement with the Trump administration on a revamped version of the North American Free Trade Agreement between the two nations, and the

deal may be signed during the G-20 summit, though it won't take effect until approval by the countries' legislatures.

There's also uncertainty about the potential policies of Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who will skip the summit because he's being sworn in on Saturday.

The left-leaning leader has tried to ease concerns among the business community, but he upset many when he recently canceled a partly built, \$13 billion new airport on the outskirts of Mexico City. He has vowed, however, to avoid tax hikes and to adopt tight budget austerity.

Argentina's Pedro Villagra Delgado, the lead organizer for the G-20 acknowledged last week that it might not be possible to reach a consensus on a final statement.

"Everything might fall through if there is no agreement on the trade issue," he said. "It would be a shame because there is a huge amount of issues where we do have an agreement."

While the U.S.-China trade conflict is far from being the only issue at the G-20, analysts said it is likely to cast a cloud over the summit.

"The U.S.-China dynamic has poisoned all multilateral forums. There's basically nothing you can do but you know hope for a miracle and even a miracle looks modest," said Gedan of the Wilson Center.

"What is unthinkable is any progress at the G-20 itself. As I said recently on Twitter, quoting an Argentine official I spoke to, they would be satisfied with a communique that did nothing but compliment the weather in Buenos Aires." □

Venezuela holds onto prized US refineries amid legal battle

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela will hold onto its U.S.-based Citgo refineries, settling a lawsuit that threw ownership of the struggling country's prized assets into peril. Court papers show that Ven-

ezuela on Friday began paying off \$1.4 billion that a panel said was owed to the Canadian mining firm Crystallex, following a disputed takeover of the company by the late-President Hugo Chavez.

To recoup its losses, Crystallex had

targeted Citgo refineries, potentially forcing Venezuela to sell off its most valuable foreign asset.

Papers filed in a Canadian court say Venezuela recently paid Crystallex \$425 million, while agreeing to make good on the rest by 2021.

That enables them to hold onto their refineries. Russ Dallen of Miami-based Caracas Capital Markets says the payment shows Venezuela's changing tactics — from fighting creditors to striking deals. □

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ORANJESTAD — Muchila Creativo is a special foundation. The inspiration that art and music provides forms their tool to work in different fields. Rose-marie Provence, president of Fundación Muchila Creativo, explains us more about this creative place. "We exist for 15 years already this year. The reason we have started this foundation is that we have experienced the need for music and art within our job as teachers. I am referring to Mathilda Vloor, Conrad de Rozario and myself, three teachers of elementary school who founded this foundation."

The three wished to offer more to the children than just the regular classes and thus started to offer musical projects that the children loved to participate in. "The word Muchila is actually Papiamentu for hand bag, used in former days by fishermen or farmers to stack away their tools while working. The symbolic meaning is the luggage you carry with you, so your emotional ballast that can be used or transformed in a positive way by performing art and music. Our goal is to promote art and music in the widest sense of the word, for all age categories." Fundación Muchila Creativo is a foundation that works in the social, cultural, artistic, creative and therapeutic field. They want to motivate children, youth and adolescents to express themselves in the fields of music, dance, visual arts, drama and arts as a whole. They also want to expand their creative horizon by means of literature and multimedia. This is done by means of courses, lectures, presentations, workshops, seminars and expositions.



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help some children to express themselves and release their stress. That is exactly what we strive for, the process is important to us, not the end result." Therapeutic applies also to the integration of art and music within autism sessions or for people that go through depressions. The children express themselves with painting classes, music lessons and storytelling for example. The foundation also organizes workshops for companies.

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Banking credit to private sector surges

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of September 2018 by Central Bank of Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Monetary developments informed by the Central Bank of Aruba: Compared to August 2018, in September 2018, money supply contracted by Afl. 16.8 million to Afl. 4,371.6 million, resulting from a decrease in net foreign assets (-Afl. 26.4 million) and an increase in net domestic assets (+Afl. 9.6 million). The drop in the net foreign assets of the banking sector was due to net sales of foreign exchange of (-Afl. 201.9) million to the public, mainly associated with net sales of foreign exchange related to payments for goods and other services. These were largely offset by net purchases of foreign exchange of (+Afl. 175.5) million from the public, mostly associated with foreign exchange revenue from tourism activities.

The growth in the domestic component of the money supply was caused by an Afl. 32.3 million increase in domestic credit, which was partly

offset by an Afl. 22.6 million decrease in non-credit related balance sheet items. The rise in domestic credit resulted from an Afl. 42.1 million surge in claims of the banking sector on the private sector, which was somewhat mitigated by an Afl. 9.8 decline in net claims of the banking sector on the public sector. The surge in claims of the banking sector on the private sector resulted from expansions in loans to enterprises (+Afl. 30.1 million), housing mortgages (+Afl. 11.7 million), and consumer credit (+Afl. 0.3 million). The drop in the net claims of the banking sector on the public sector was attributed to an increase in government deposits (+Afl. 10.8 million).

Inflation

The consumer price index (CPI) for September 2018 noted a 4.9 percent increase year-over-year (YOY). The main contributors to this rise were the components "Transport", "Food and

Non-Alcoholic Beverages", and "Recreation and Culture". Excluding the effect of food and energy, the core CPI grew by 2.7 percent (YOY). The 12-month average inflation rate was 2.3 percent in September 2018, compared to 1.8 percent in August 2018.

Tourism

The number of stay over visitors amounted to 76,017 in September 2018, which is 1,627 less visitors (-2.1 percent) than in September 2017. This drop was mainly due to a reduction in the Latin American market (-4,937 visitors or -24.4 percent), which was largely offset by an increase in the North American market (+3,781 visitors or +8.2 percent).

The decline in the Latin American market was caused by a downturn in arrivals from Venezuela (-6,035 visitors or -52.2 percent), while the upturn in the North American market resulted primarily from a growth in arrivals from the United States (+3,651 visitors or +8.4 percent).

The number of cruise visitors rose by 17,151 passengers or 71.9 percent to 41,014 in September 2018, compared to September 2017. The number of ship calls grew from 12 in September 2017 to 13 in September 2018.

Government

Total government revenue amounted to Afl. 96.1 million in September 2018, Afl. 1.6 million less than the same month of the previous year. This outcome resulted from a reduction in non-tax revenue (-Afl. 8.2 million) and an increase in tax revenue (+Afl. 6.7 million).

The surge in tax revenue was mainly related to increases in income from turnover tax (B.B.O./B.A.V.P.) (+Afl. 7.5 million) stemming from the introduction of the B.A.V.P., foreign exchange tax (+Afl. 2.3 million), and import duties (+Afl. 2.7 million). These expansions were partly offset by a drop in income mostly related to excises on gasoline (-Afl. 4.7 million). □

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Six Tourism Ambassadors win the AHATA 'Excellence Awards'

ORANJESTAD – The Minister of Tourism, Public Health and Sports together with the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) handed out the 'Excellence Awards 2018' to the Tourism Ambassadors. The ceremony took place at The Ritz-Carlton Aruba. The award is presented to employees that stand out in their day to day service within the tourism sector. The tourism sector holds 88% of the economy (GDP) of Aruba.

There were six categories and 52 nominees. The 52 nominees were chosen from a total of 10.000 employees in this sector. The categories were: Employee of the Year, Supervisor of the Year, Manager of the Year, Young Tourism Professional of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award and Sustainability Champion of the Year. Aruba achieved a great year in tourism and this would of course not have been possible without the input of the tourism ambassadors. The most



important element for the wellbeing of our economy is the level of personal service we offer to our visitors. That is why this award is extremely important.

The winners are:

Berlinda Engelhardt- Employee of the Year
Shemuel Koolman- Supervisor of the Year
Barbara Nieuwmeyer-Bregita- Manager of the Year
Axl Ismail- Young Tourism Professional of the Year
Nathaly Stanley- Sustainability Champion of the Year
Beverly Williams Perez received the "Lifetime Achievement Award".
The Minister of Tourism, Public Health and Sports congratulated all the nominees and winners and thanked them for their contribution to the tourism sector. He also thanked AHATA and its team for this wonderful event, the Caribbean Mercantile bank for the sponsorship and a special thank you went to the University of Aruba and Colegio E.P.I., unit Horeca for the tremendous work they are doing in educating our future tourism employees. □



Corruption Survey

ORANJESTAD — Since November 12, 2018, the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) has been conducting a "Corruption Survey" in our community to assess the perceived level of corruption in Aruba through an in-depth analysis of the information collected. The CBA would like to inform the public that this survey has been extended through December 5, 2018.

With this survey, the CBA aims to acquire valuable information on the experience and perception of Aruban residents with regard to corruption and gain insight on possible remedial actions and/or effective measures to counteract this phenomenon. In this survey, corruption is defined as the abuse of entrusted power for

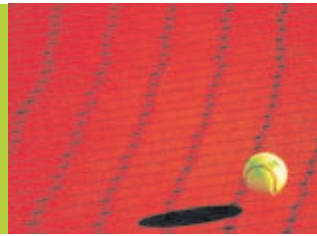
private gain. This survey includes, among others, questions about the level of corruption, the experience with corruption when using services particularly in the public sector, the experience when reporting corruption, and the need for additional anti-corruption measures.

To assist the CBA in gathering this important information, a group of interviewers is visiting selected households and conducting the interviews on behalf of the CBA. These interviewers are wearing an I.D. badge with CBA logo. They have the obligation to keep all the information they receive during the survey strictly confidential.

The CBA is aware that a large part of this information is sensitive and, therefore, stresses that this survey is strictly anonymous and guarantees that all information received will be treated with the utmost confidence and will be only used on an aggregated basis for statistical and analytical purposes.

The CBA hopes that all persons approached by these interviewers to participate in this survey will give their maximum cooperation. If you have any question about this survey, please contact Mrs. Edwina Matos-Pereira, Manager Strategy & Planning of the CBA and also the project leader of this survey, at tel. (+297) 5252100 or via e-mail: e.e.matos-pereira@cbaruba.org. □

SPORTS



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jeff Driskel looks to throw a pass in the second half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in Cincinnati.
Associated Press

Bengals' Andy Dalton out for season with thumb injury

By JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Andy Dalton is out for the rest of the season with an injured thumb on his passing hand, another significant blow to a Bengals team that has fallen apart in the past month. Dalton reached for a fumbled ball and had someone land on his right hand during a 35-20 rout by the Cleveland Browns on Sunday, Cincinnati's fifth loss in its past six games.

Just like that, a season that started with so much promise has turned into a nosedive. Cincinnati (5-6) is without its quarterback or much hope that things will get much better down the stretch. The Bengals put Dalton on injured reserve after he had more tests and medical opinions Monday about the best way to get the thumb healed.

Coach Marvin Lewis said Dalton's thumb is expected to be healed before the start of offseason workouts.

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Along came Buffalo



Worst in NHL last season, Sabres are surging after 9-0 run

In this Nov. 19, 2018, file photo, Buffalo Sabres' Jack Eichel (9) celebrates his game-winning overtime goal during an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh.

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Buffalo Sabres vs Pittsburgh Penguins

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Hockey Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The

Buffalo Sabres are on such a roll, captain Jack Eichel was having difficulty recalling the last time they lost.

"Um, was it Calgary?" Eichel said Monday, before being reminded the 2-1 overtime defeat to the Flames was three losses ago.

"Yeah, Rangers, in New York," he said, finally recalling a 3-1 loss on Nov. 4 that dropped Buffalo's record to 7-6-2.

Nine games — and nine wins — later, the Sabres are the NHL's biggest surprise two months into the season.

A year after going 25-45-12 and becoming the league's first team to finish 31st following the addition of the expansion Vegas Golden Knights, the surging Sabres (16-6-2) have 34 points and sit one back of league-leading Tampa Bay and Nashville.

Even Phil Housley could crack a smile when asked to reflect on the troubles he and his underachieving team endured last season, his first as coach.

"I try to tend to forget last year," Housley said.

The Sabres were so bad a year ago, they didn't register their 16th victory until Feb. 10, and won consecutive games four times, including a season-best 3-0 run in late January.

Buffalo's nine-game streak



In this Nov. 19, 2018, file photo, Buffalo Sabres head coach Phil Housley, top, talks with Zach Bogosian (4) during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh.

is the NHL's longest since Columbus won 10 straight in March, and it's one short of matching the Sabres' franchise record set twice and most recently when they opened the 2006-07 on a 10-0 run. The Sabres would match that if they beat San Jose on Tuesday night.

"Extremely proud of this team," Sabres co-owner Kim Pegula wrote in a text to The Associated Press.

"Everyone is contributing in multiple ways, and when that happens anything is possible," she added. "There's still plenty of hockey left to play, but we are encouraged by the foun-

dation that is being built and look forward to seeing the development continue."

Buffalo's turnaround is the result of a series of moves and soul-searching sessions that took place over the summer in a bid to spur a team that was the worst in the league in three of the past five seasons.

It began with Housley, who took action at the end of last season after center Ryan O'Reilly went public in saying a losing mentality had crept into the locker room. Housley challenged his leadership group with a summer-long series of frank discussions that allowed

players to air their differences and raise concerns.

"I've said it once and I'll say it again, I think the guys made a huge commitment in the summer. We talked about change," Housley said. "It started with our leadership group leading in the right way."

Forward Kyle Okposo credited everyone for buying in. "It's pretty powerful what you can do if you get everybody on the same page, and people are willing to admit what they have to do to be better and then actually do it," Okposo said. "It feels like a team. It's pretty amazing." General manager Jason

Botterill followed by overhauling the lineup through a series of trades that included sending O'Reilly to St. Louis. He also acquired Conor Sheary from Pittsburgh and Jeff Skinner from Carolina, and upgraded his goaltending by signing Carter Hutton in free agency.

Skinner's 18 goals rank second in the league, while Hutton is third with 11 wins. And then came the addition of rookie No. 1 draft pick Rasmus Dahlin, whose effortless skating and deft playmaking ability have energized what had been a plodding group of defencemen.

Dahlin's two goals and 13 points are tied for second among NHL rookies. And he's part of a defensive group that has already contributed 12 goals after managing just 19 last season.

The 18-year-old shrugs off the Sabres' hot start.

"Of course it's awesome to lead the league, but for me, I like to win, and I'm pretty used to it," Dahlin said. "I'm so happy that everyone is so glad in the locker room."

One major change has been the Sabres' performance in close games. Buffalo has a league-best 9-0-2 record in games decided by one goal, a year after going 11-11-12. The Sabres are also 9-6-1 when tied or trailing after two periods, a year after going 9-44-7. □



In this Sept. 10, 2017, file photo, Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Parker Bridwell throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Seattle.

Associated Press

Yankees claim Bridwell, drop Torreyes from big-league roster

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Right-hander Parker Bridwell was claimed off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels by the New York Yankees, who opened a roster spot by designating infielder Ronald Torreyes for assignment.

Bridwell, 27, was 10-3 with a 3.64 ERA in 20 starts and one relief appearance for the Angels in 2017, then missed much of this year

because of right elbow inflammation. He was 1-0 with a 17.55 ERA in one start and four relief appearances over 6 2/3 innings for the Angels and 1-1 with an 8.68 ERA at Triple-A Salt Lake. Bridwell is 11-3 with a 4.60 ERA for Baltimore and the Angels in 28 games over three seasons. He was designated for assignment last week by the Angels.

The 26-year-old Torreyes was among the most pop-

ular players in the Yankees clubhouse, a 5-foot-8 back-up often hoisted into the air by teammates to high-five 6-foot-7 Aaron Judge. Torreyes hit .292 with 36 RBIs in 315 at-bats over 108 games in 2017, but spent much of this year at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and batted .280 with seven RBIs in 100 at-bats over 41 games for the Yankees.

New York announced the moves on Monday. □

Bengals QB Andy Dalton on IR with thumb injury

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It's the same thumb that Dalton broke while making a tackle on an interception return against the Steelers in 2015. He missed the last three regular-season games and an 18-16 loss to the Steelers in a first-round playoff game at Paul Brown Stadium. Jeff Driskel will start for the Bengals the rest of the way, getting his first chance to lead the team in his third NFL season. The Bengals claimed quarterback Tom Savage off waivers from the San Francisco 49ers as a backup on Monday. "The more you get out there and the more you play well, the more confidence you are going to get in yourself and the people around you," Driskel said Monday.

Dalton completed 62 percent of his passes for 2,566 yards with 21 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and a



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) reacts after scoring a touchdown in the second half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018, in Cincinnati.

passer rating of 89.6, the third-highest of his eight-year career.

Even with Dalton, the Bengals weren't doing much except losing.

After a 4-1 start that boosted them atop the AFC North, the Bengals have lost five of six and fallen to third place. It's their worst stretch since 2016, when

they went 1-5-1 over the middle of the schedule and finished 6-9-1, ending their streak of five straight playoff appearances.

After Dalton got hurt on Sunday, Driskel came in and threw his first career touchdown pass and ran for another as the Browns went conservative with a big lead. Cleveland threw

the ball only four times in the second half and played softer on defense. Driskel was 17 of 29 for 155 yards. Coordinator Bill Lazor said Monday that Driskel has shown his ability to lead the offense in his limited opportunities. "I think guys see it, and that's the important part," Lazor said. "You can't talk them into feeling good about somebody; they've got to earn it. And he's earned it every day in practice and in the pre-season games."

With Driskel running the offense, the Bengals had five false-start penalties — each by a different player — and one more for an illegal shift in the fourth quarter. Driskel thinks that working with the starting offense in practice this week will fix the problems.

"The more time you are able to get in and out of the huddle with those guys, hear the cadence, say

the cadence, it's just beneficial," he said. "I don't think it helps coming off the bench." With five games left and Dalton hurt, the Bengals are facing a big challenge.

"They've got to do it," Lewis said. "They've got to dig out."

INJURY UPDATE

Cornerback Tony McRae suffered a concussion in the third quarter. The medical staff strapped him to a backboard and wheeled him off the field, concerned he might have a spinal injury. Lewis said Monday that McRae had a concussion but no spinal injury.

HUE'S GAME BALL

Lewis didn't have anything to say about Browns safety Damarius Randall handing the ball to Hue Jackson after he intercepted one of Dalton's passes on Sunday. "I don't want to comment on somebody else's player," Lewis said. □

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Serie A or Champions League? Roma resembles different squads

By **ANDREW DAMPF**

AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — It's anyone's guess which Roma will show up against Real Madrid on Tuesday.

Will it be the squad that seems to rise to the occasion in the Champions League? Or will it be the team that struggles to put together consistent results in Serie A?

Lately, Roma has resembled two different squads in the two competitions.

Building on last season's semifinal appearance, Roma has won three straight matches in the Champions League after opening the campaign with a 3-0 loss at Madrid. Over the three wins, Roma outscored the opposition 10-1 and the Giallorossi sit level on points with Madrid at the top of Group G.

In Serie A, however, Roma has lost three times to opponents near the bottom of the standings. A 1-0 loss at relegation-threatened Udinese on Saturday followed defeats to Bologna and Spal.

In all, Roma has gained only seven points against the bottom six teams in the



Parma's Gervinho celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during a Serie A soccer match between Parma and Sassuolo at Ennio Tardini Stadium in Parma, Italy, Sunday Nov. 25, 2018.

Associated Press

standings. The lost opportunities have left the Giallorossi in seventh place, nearly 20 points behind leader Juventus.

It's the worst start since 2011-12, which was Roma's first season under American ownership.

"I'm asking myself why this happens and I'm angry because I don't have an

explanation," Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco said.

One reason could be that after selling off the backbone of the squad — goalkeeper Alisson to Liverpool, midfielder Radja Nainggolan to Inter Milan, and beloved defensive midfielder Kevin Strootman to Marseille — Roma no longer has the resources to

compete at a high level in both competitions.

With five goals in four matches, Edin Dzeko is the co-top scorer in the Champions League but the Bosnia-Herzegovina striker has a miserable rate of two in 12 games in the Italian league.

Making matters more complicated is that Patrik

Schick, Dzeko's reserve at center forward, has scored only one goal in all competitions.

This is shaping up as a crucial week for Roma, with a home match against Inter Milan following the Madrid game.

Any further stumbles could cause Di Francesco his job, with former Fiorentina coach Paulo Sousa — who recently attended a Roma match — having acknowledged that he's interested in taking over if necessary.

POLITICAL PRESSURE

Italy's hard-line interior minister, Matteo Salvini, had some advice for AC Milan coach Gennaro Gattuso following a 1-1 draw with Lazio on Sunday.

"If I were Gattuso I would have made some substitutions. The players were tired and I don't understand why he didn't change anything in the second half," said Salvini, an avowed Milan fan who attended the match wearing a scarf featuring Milan's red-and-black colors. Lazio held onto fourth place — which carries the final Champions League berth — with a last-gasp goal. □

Big 3 of Djokovic, Nadal, Federer closes 2018 ranked 1-2-3

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

The Big Three is the year-end top three, something that last happened in 2014. With Novak Djokovic at No. 1, Rafael Nadal at No. 2 and Roger Federer at No. 3 on Monday, that trio of tennis greats leads the season's final ATP rankings for the seventh time.

This is the first time, though, that each of those three men spent some time at No. 1 during the same year. The seven changes there were the most since 1999, when there were eight.

Djokovic won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 2018, while Federer took the Australian Open, and Nadal earned the title at the French Open.

They accounted for Nos. 1-3 in the final rankings in 2007-11 and 2014, too.



In this Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, file photo, Novak Djokovic, of Serbia celebrates, after defeating Alexander Zverev, of Germany, in the ATP World Tour Finals men's singles tennis match at the O2 arena in London.

Associated Press

For Djokovic, it marks the fifth time he has closed a year in the top spot, following 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. Only Pete Sampras, with six year-end No. 1 finishes, did it more often.

The 31-year-old from Serbia is also the oldest man to be No. 1 at season's end and the first to finish atop the rankings after being outside the top 20 during the year — or outside the top 10 at the end of the previous year (he was No. 12 in 2017).

Simona Halep ended the season at No. 1 in the WTA rankings for the second consecutive year; she clinched that spot more than a month ago. Angelique Kerber was No. 2 among women, followed by Caroline Wozniacki, Elina Svitolina and Naomi Osaka. □

Ernie Els pulling out all stops as International captain

By DENNIS PASSA

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— As hard as he tried, Ernie Els couldn't put the ball in the cup.

The Big Easy wasn't on a green at Royal Melbourne, though. This was on a plastic grass strip in the middle of Brighton Beach, famous for its iconic beach houses, on Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay.

The cup was a giant plastic replica of the Presidents Cup trophy, and despite trying a dozen or more times with a wedge from about 20 meters, the closest the ball came Monday was to ricochet off part of the oversized trophy.

Els is pulling out all the stops to make sure the International team, of which he is captain, hoists the real Presidents Cup next December when the tournament is held for the third time at Royal Melbourne. The International team had its only win over the United States in 1998 when it was first held at Royal Melbourne, but it has had a dry spell since — no wins and just a tie in South Africa in 2003.

So Els came into Melbourne on the weekend to announce during the final



Ernie Els, captain of the International Team at next year's Presidents Cup, sits in front of a beach house which has been painted with the Presidents Cup trophy, at Brighton in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

Associated Press

round of the World Cup at Metropolitan Golf Club that Australian veteran Geoff Ogilvy would be one of his captain's assistants for the Dec. 9-15, 2019 tournament. And to meet with the head greenskeeper and

officials at Royal Melbourne to get some insights on how he might, as captain of the host team, be able to help set up the course to suit his players.

Tiger Woods, the U.S. captain for the Presidents Cup

next year, will make a similar trip to Melbourne in early December to check out the golf course and make some promotional appearances.

On Sunday night, Els was off to host a reception at

the Royal Melbourne clubhouse to unveil a new logo for the International team.

The logo attempts to give the team a more unified focus while also allowing members from different countries to have the flags of their home countries represented.

"It's a special group of guys from all over the world that make up the Presidents Cup International team," Els said. "Being from across the globe, we don't all play for the same flag. This special group of people needed something to identify with. To lift the spirit of the team, we felt like we needed a logo for ourselves."

By Monday afternoon, he was dressed more casually in slacks and a polo shirt for his beach outing and a catered barbecue featuring lamb chops and prawns. And, of course, in the Australian beach tradition, beers from an "esky," or portable cooler, tucked in the stand.

The front of one of the beach houses, many of which are worth a half-million dollars despite the fact they are no bigger than a garden shed, was repainted to feature a Presidents Cup trophy. □

Koreas win UNESCO recognition of traditional wrestling

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Divided for about seven decades, North and South Korea together won their first international recognition of Korean traditional wrestling as one of the world's cultural treasures on Monday. The Koreas had earlier pushed separate bids for the sport's UNESCO recognition before merging their applications amid an easing of tensions this year. Local media reports said South Korea had first proposed the joint bid after a leaders' summit at a Korean border village in April. On Monday, UNESCO said Korean wrestling was added to a list of "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" on the basis of an application by the two



In this Nov. 16, 2016, photo, ssireum wrestlers compete during the Korea Open Ssireum Festival in Seoul, South Korea.

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Koreas. "The joint inscription marks a highly symbolic step on the road to inter-

Korean reconciliation," UNESCO director-general Audrey Azoulay said in a statement. "It reminds us of the peace-building power of cultural heritage, as a bridge between peoples. This marks a victory for the longstanding and profound ties between both sides of the inter-Korean border."

South Korean President Moon Jae-in hailed the UNESCO inscription, calling it a "result of recent South-North cooperation." The South's Cultural Heritage Administration said that the two Koreas have been given a new opportunity to further promote exchanges in the field of cultural heritage. It said in a statement the joint nomination is the "fruitful outcome of a meeting" between Moon and Azoulay in October. □

Leclerc not feeling the pressure ahead of Ferrari move

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) —

Pressure does not seem to affect Charles Leclerc, which is just as well given where his career is taking him.

The 21-year-old driver from Monaco has earned a prestigious move to Ferrari following strong performances for unheralded Sauber in his debut Formula One season.

Leclerc will race alongside four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel in 2019 at Ferrari. Vettel has 52 wins and 111 podiums, but Leclerc is expected to be free to compete evenly against the German driver.

Along with Red Bull's Max Verstappen — who is the same age — Leclerc is tipped to follow Lewis Hamilton and Vettel as F1's next stars.

Leclerc won last year's F2 championship at the first attempt, fast-tracking him into F1 and casting him into the spotlight. But by his own admission, he made errors as he forced the car too much on track, finishing



Sauber driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco poses with the team before the first free practice at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Friday Nov. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

13th, 12th and 19th in his first three races.

"I remember when I made mistakes three weekends in a row it seemed like an eternity," Leclerc told The Associated Press on the Sauber motorhome rooftop at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. "From the outside it

didn't go unnoticed either and people were asking questions of me."

Asked if he is affected by any questioning of him, Leclerc replied firmly.

"No, not at all," he said, "It doesn't get to me."

A veneer of confidence can be quickly exposed

in the hard-nosed world of elite competition. But Leclerc speaks without a hint of arrogance and in precise sentences woven around an immense inner belief. One of Leclerc's strengths, and a key reason why Ferrari rates him highly, is a capacity for self-

appraisal. Leclerc did not hide from his errors but embraced them and worked through them.

"I don't have many regrets because, even in the weekends things went badly, that's when I learnt the most," he told the AP.

"They helped me become the driver I am now. I learned the mistakes you shouldn't make in Formula One."

Leclerc has already experienced a lot of emotional turmoil — losing his father and his close friend Jules Bianchi — and those setbacks forged a remarkably strong mental strength.

Last year in F2, Leclerc took pole position and won in Baku, Azerbaijan, shortly after the death of his father. That was only two years after losing his childhood friend Bianchi, the highly rated French driver who died in July 2015 at the age of 25 from head injuries sustained in a collision during the 2014 Japanese GP.

Adversity helped Leclerc withstand other pressures and develop a clinical perspective. □

England wins 3rd test, completes whitewash in Sri Lanka

By REX CLEMENTINE

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) —

England claimed a hard-fought 42-run win over Sri Lanka in the third test with a day to spare Monday to complete a 3-0 whitewash. Chasing a target of 327 at Sinhalese Sports Club, Sri Lanka was reduced to 226-9 but the last wicket pair of captain Suranga Lakmal (11) and Malinda Pushpakumara (42) shared a 58-run stand off 75 balls to delay the final result.

Despite tea being extended by 30 minutes, England failed to make the breakthrough as the last pair picked up runs. The victory eventually came in the first over after tea when Jack Leach trapped Lakmal leg before wicket.

"It was frustrating because you're looking at 10 minutes before tea and you get them nine down. It's a long



England's Jack Leach, left, celebrates taking the wicket of Sri Lanka's Lakshan Sandakan during the fourth day of the third test cricket match between Sri Lanka and England in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

Associated Press

two-hour session and it's hot so you look forward to the 20-minute break when you can regroup, dust yourself down and go again," England captain Joe Root said.

"Sometimes that extra half hour can go against you and it felt like it did today but we very quickly dusted ourselves down and took the opportunity to calm

things down again, simplify it and finish the job very professionally."

Spinners Moeen Ali (4-92) and Leach (4-72) shared eight wickets between

them to lead England to victory.

England had won the first test in Galle by 211 runs and the second in Pallekele by 57 runs to win their first series in Sri Lanka in 17 years.

England became only the third team to complete a 3-0 whitewash in Sri Lanka. Australia did it in 2004 and then India in 2017.

"The way we've played has been exceptional and a great motivator to keep doing what we are," Root said. "To keep looking to get better and drive each other on."

After a poor start at 54-4 on the third day, Sri Lanka fought back through a 102-run stand for the sixth wicket between Kusal Mendis (86) and Roshen Silva (65). Leach produced a direct hit to run out Mendis after lunch to allow the tourists to take a firm grip on the game. □

Qatar's evolution a work in progress as 2022 World Cup nears

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Nasser Al-Khater glances out his window across Doha Bay. The view is far different than it was eight years ago, when al-Khater served as part of the team that helped Qatar pull off a staggering upset to land the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

In the distance the bare bones of Ras Abu Aboud Stadium are being laid, perhaps the most audacious and innovative of the eight venues that will play host to the biggest tournament on the planet. Four years out, everything appears to be running on schedule, from stadium construction — including at Ras Abu Aboud, which will incorporate 1,000 shipping containers while offering a sweeping view of Doha's downtown skyline — to finding the right grass that can both meet FIFA's exacting standards while also providing a long-term benefit to the Arabian Peninsula.

Yet logistics are only a portion of Qatar's story.

The small country of 2.7 million — only 300,000 of them actual Qatari citizens — has spent the better part of a decade grappling with the white-hot spotlight landing the World Cup provides.

The construction boom that accompanied the winning bid has been built on the backs of migrant laborers



In this Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018 picture men perform modernization work on the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

from India, Pakistan, Nepal and other Asian nations, much like it has in other oil-rich sheikhdoms in the region. As oil prices crashed below \$30 a barrel in 2016, construction firms in Qatar and elsewhere in the region suffered. Some stopped paying staffers on time, if at all.

Others seized workers' passports or otherwise abused Qatar's "kafala" system that ties expatriate workers to a single employer.

In recent months, Qatar ended a requirement for some workers to seek their employers' permission before leaving the country.

It also required contractors who bring in workers from other nations to reimburse employees for any recruitment fee they paid to an outside agency to facilitate their placement. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other activists say more needs to be done. There have been two reported deaths at Qatar's World Cup projects.

While al-Khater, deputy-secretary general of the World Cup organizing committee, understands "this is an area we're going to have to do a lot of work," he points to the headway made since 2010 as proof

the World Cup has already made a lasting impact.

"I think we should be very proud of ourselves," al-Khater told The Associated Press from his office in the 33rd floor of the shimmering glass-ensconced Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy building in Doha's West Bay.

"And I think people should take a look at everything that's happened here in the past eight years when it comes to worker's welfare. Look at the progress and I think it's a case study. I believe right now in the Middle East we are basically ahead of everyone else when it comes to this."

The questions about worker's rights are one of many Qataris have grown accustomed to addressing. They stress they are taking great pains to answer them one by one. Do that and Qataris believe the conversation will turn away from "should Qatar be hosting the World Cup?" to "can Qatar pull it off?"

On that front, the answers are far less nebulous.

Qatar is intent on putting on a show, but doing it creatively and financially responsibly.

In an era of bloat where budgets for big ticket events like the World Cup and the Olympics are calculated and then blown up, Qatar is determined to prove it can dazzle without saddling itself with hulking stadiums left unoccupied once the party ends.

The majority of the venues used in the World Cup will have their capacity diminished from 40,000 to 20,000 after tournament, with the sections taken out then put up for sale. What's left will serve as the home pitches for the local professional teams.

Ras Abu Aboud won't exist at all. After a champion is crowned, it will be meticulously taken apart and dismantled to make way for a mixed-use area that will feature housing and shops.

Other innovations could lead to more far-reaching changes. □

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French-American man abandons attempt to swim Pacific

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A French-American man has given up his attempt to swim across the Pacific Ocean after a storm broke the mainsail of his support ship, organizers said Monday.

Ben Lecomte, who had completed about 1,500 nautical miles (2,780 kilometers) of the 5,000-mile (9,260-kilometer) journey, called the premature end to the swim a deep disappointment.

"We've faced treacherous winds, rain and ocean swells that have forced us to alter our course, and the irreparable damage to the sail is an insurmountable blow," he said in a news release.

The announcement was made by Seeker, a San Francisco-based online science publisher that partnered with Lecomte and has been documenting his attempt.

Lecomte, of Austin, Texas, set out on June 5 from

Japan's Pacific coast and was swimming an average of eight hours a day. Violent storms had already forced him to interrupt the swim after 500 nautical miles and return to Japan in late July. The mainsail broke on Nov. 10.

The damaged ship and Lecomte are slowly making their way to Hawaii. They are collecting data on plastic pollution in the ocean, one of the scientific aims of the swim. □



In this undated photo provided on Nov. 26, 2018, by Seeker, Ben Lecomte swims in the Pacific Ocean.

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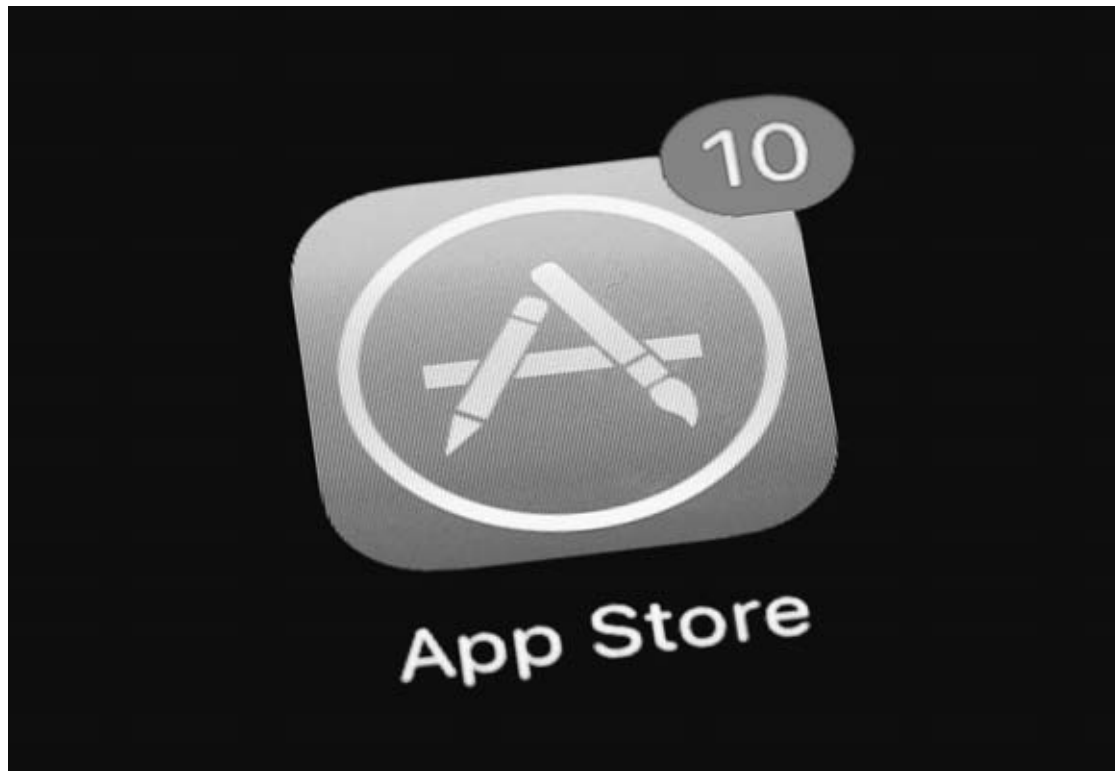
Justices skeptical of Apple in case about iPhone apps' sales

By **MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court seemed ready Monday to allow a lawsuit to go forward that claims Apple has unfairly monopolized the market for the sale of iPhone apps. The court heard arguments in Apple's effort to shut down an antitrust lawsuit. Chief Justice John Roberts was alone among the nine justices who seemed prepared to agree with Apple. The suit by iPhone users could force Apple to cut the 30 percent commission it charges software developers whose apps are sold exclusively through Apple's App Store. A judge could triple the compensation to consumers under antitrust law if Apple ultimately loses the suit.

But the issue before the high court at this early stage of the suit is whether the case can proceed at all. Justice Stephen Breyer, who used to teach antitrust law at Harvard Law School, said the consumers' case seemed straightforward



This March 19, 2018, file photo shows Apple's App Store app in Baltimore. Apple is at the Supreme Court to defend the way it sells apps for iPhones against claims by consumers that the company has unfairly monopolized the market.

Associated Press

and in line with a century of antitrust law.

Apple argues it's merely a pipeline between app developers and consumers. The developers set the prices and agree to pay Apple a 30 percent com-

mission on whatever they sell, the lawyer representing Apple said in the courtroom. If anyone should be able to sue the Cupertino, California-based company, it's a developer, Daniel Wall said. "There have been

plenty of disputes, not one has gone to litigation," he said.

But Justice Elena Kagan said it appears that consumers have a direct relationship with Apple. "I pick up my iPhone, go to the

Apple App Store, pay Apple directly with credit card information I supplied to Apple," Kagan said.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh said if consumers are paying more than they should, then perhaps they should be able to sue. The relevant federal antitrust law says "any person injured" can sue, Kavanaugh said. His comments could put him on the side of justices who would allow the suit to proceed. In other cases, the court has ruled there must be a direct relationship between the seller and a party complaining about unfair, anti-competitive pricing.

Consumers can choose from among more than 2 million apps, compared with the 500 apps that were available when Apple created the App Store in 2008. "The phrase 'there's an app for that' is now part of the popular lexicon," Roberts noted in a 2014 decision limiting warrantless searches of cellphones by police. Apple has trademarked the phrase. □

FDA to overhaul long-criticized medical device system

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**

AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health officials said Monday they plan to overhaul the nation's decades-old system for approving most medical devices, which has long been criticized by experts for failing to catch problems with risky implants and medical instruments.

The Food and Drug Administration announced plans aimed at making sure new medical devices reflect up-to-date safety and effectiveness features.

The system targeted by the actions generally allows manufacturers to launch new products based on similarities to decades-old products, not new clinical testing in patients.

The FDA's move came one day after the publication of a global investigation into medical device safety



This combination of Aug. 25, 2018 photos shows demonstration models of implantable neurostimulators, top row from left, the Medtronic Intellis and the Boston Scientific Spectra WaveWriter SCS. Bottom row from left are the Abbott/St. Jude's Proclaim 7 Implantable Pulse Generator and Proclaim DRG Implantable Pulse Generator.

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by more than 50 media organizations, including The Associated Press. Led by

the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, the group found that more than 1.7 million injuries and nearly 83,000 deaths suspected of being linked to medical devices had been reported to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration over a 10-year period. "We believe that newer devices should be compared to the benefits and risks of more modern technology," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in a statement.

Gottlieb said the changes under consideration would push companies to compare their devices to more up-to-date technology, rather than referencing decades-old products.

Some of the reforms proposed by the FDA could take years to implement, in some cases requiring new guidelines and regulations for manufacturers. □

Lump of coal? Taxes more likely for online gifts this season

By JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shoppers heading online to purchase holiday gifts will find they're being charged sales tax at some websites where they weren't before. The reason: the Supreme Court.

A June ruling gave states the go-ahead to require more companies to collect sales tax on online purchases. Now, more than two dozen have moved to take advantage of the ruling, many ahead of the busy holiday shopping season.

"Will your shopping bill look any different? ... The answer right now is it depends," said Jason Brewer, a spokesman for the Retail Industry Leaders Association, which represents more than 70 major retailers.

Whether shoppers get charged sales tax on their online purchases comes down to where they live and where they're shopping.

Before the Supreme Court's recent decision, the rule was that businesses selling online had to collect sales tax only in states where they had stores, warehouses or another physical presence. That meant that major re-



In this April 13, 2018, file photo, packages from Internet retailers are delivered with the U.S. Mail in a apartment building mail room in Washington.

tailers such as Apple, Best Buy, Macy's and Target, which have brick-and-mortar stores nationwide, were generally collecting sales tax from online customers. But that wasn't the case for businesses with a big online presence but few physical locations.

Now, states can force out-of-state sellers to collect

sales tax if they're doing a fair amount of business in the state. That means retailers such as Overstock.com, home goods company Wayfair and electronics retailer Newegg can be required to collect tax in more states. Those companies were involved in the case before the Supreme Court, but a wide range

of businesses from jewelry website Blue Nile to clothing and outdoor company L.L. Bean and electronics retailer B&H Photo-Video are also affected.

Before the Supreme Court's decision, Overstock was collecting sales tax in eight states. Now, it's collecting sales tax nationwide. Jonathan Johnson, a member of

Overstock's board of directors, said a small number of customers reached out to ask about the change when it happened but the company now hasn't had a question about it in months. Wayfair, for its part, was collecting sales tax in 25 states before the decision. Now it's collecting sales tax in 36 of the 45 states with a sales tax.

Where online shoppers live also can affect whether they're being charged sales tax.

States had a strong interest in taking advantage of the Supreme Court's decision by passing laws or publishing regulations prior to this holiday shopping season if at all possible, said Richard Cram of the Multistate Tax Commission, which works with states on tax issues. Those that did have generally been following the lead of South Dakota, which brought the issue to the Supreme Court. South Dakota requires sellers who don't have a physical presence in the state to collect sales tax on online purchases if they do more than \$100,000 in business in South Dakota or more than 200 transactions annually with state residents. □

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European banking chief: euro needs a central budget

By DAVID McHUGH

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The head of the European Central Bank is renewing his pleas to fix flaws in the 19-country euro currency, urging European leaders to adopt a central spending pot to buffer individual governments against financial crises.

Mario Draghi said Monday in the European Parliament that "the euro area needs a fiscal instrument" to keep member countries afloat during sudden shocks like the 2007-08 global financial crisis.

Such a fiscal pot, he said, needs to be big enough and should deploy automatically when trouble strikes, but must not encourage irresponsible spending

by governments. He cited the example of the United States, where spending by the federal government continues uninterrupted when trouble hits an individual state.

The 19-country eurozone, which marks the 20th anniversary of the shared currency at year end, survived a debt and economic crisis in 2010-2012. That experience has led to the recognition that the currency union lacked key elements when it was created in 1999 as an ambitious project to further integrate the European Union's economy.

Eurozone countries that hit recessions can't take the usual steps of cutting central bank interest rates or letting their currencies fall in value, since they no lon-

ger have their own currency. The union means there is one currency and central bank — but 19 different governments with responsibility for economic policy and spending.

Draghi said that proposals by the European Commission for an EU fund to support investment spending, and by the French and German governments for a eurozone-only budget within the broader EU budget, were "first steps." Both proposals envisage funds that are only a fraction of the eurozone economy, and the Commission's proposal is for budget support in the form of loans that would have to be paid back.

Draghi said that the multiple proposals suggested

that the idea of a central budget had gained support. He called for "a

combination of vision and realism" in addressing the currency's shortcomings. □

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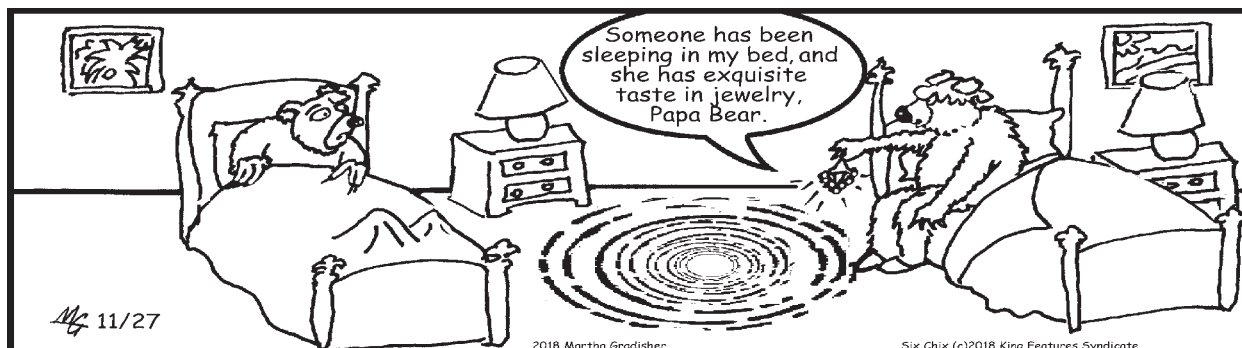


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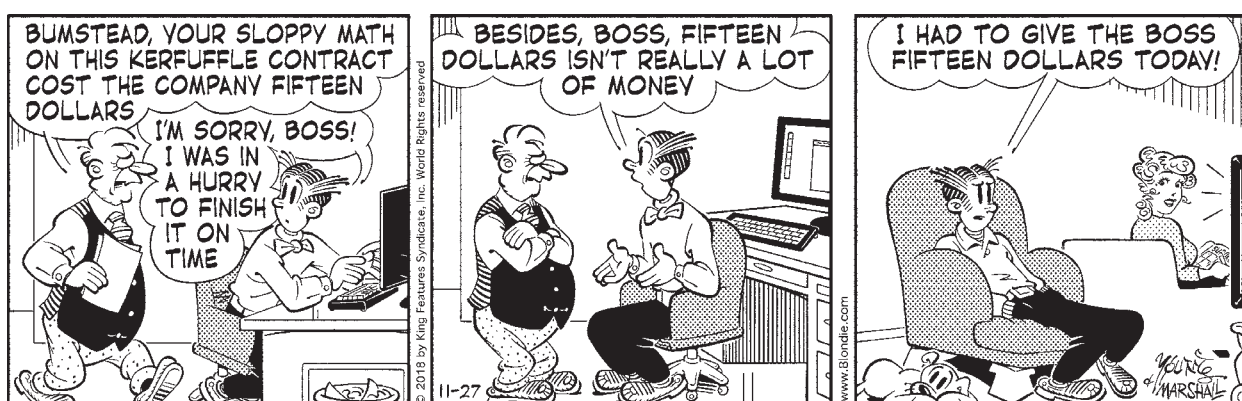
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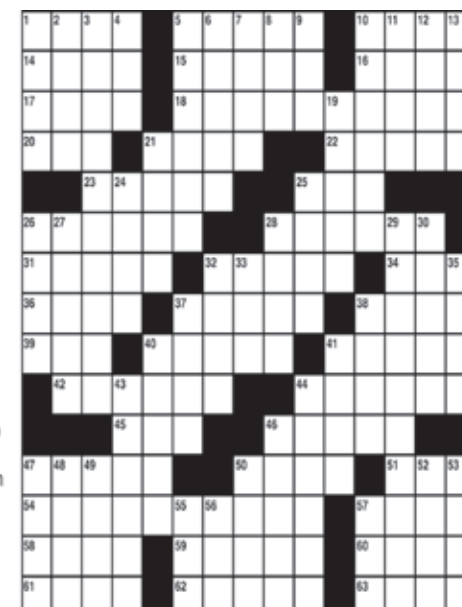
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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In this Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 photo, pilot whales lie beached at Mason Bay, Rakiura on Stewart Island, New Zealand.

Associated Press

145 pilot whales die in stranding on New Zealand beach

By NICK PERRY
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — All of the 145 pilot whales that stranded themselves on a remote New Zealand beach have died.

However, conservation workers are hoping to save some of the eight pygmy killer whales that remained stranded Monday at the other end of the country in an unrelated event.

A hiker discovered the pilot whales in two pods about 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) apart

late Saturday on Stewart Island. About 75 were already dead and conservation workers decided to euthanize the others due to their poor condition and remote location. "You feel for the animals, it's just a really sad event," said Ren Leppens, the Rakiura operations manager for the Department of Conservation. "It's the kind of thing you don't want to see. You wish you could understand the reasoning why the whales strand better, so you could intervene." □

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First gene-edited babies claimed in China

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**

AP Chief Medical Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — A Chinese researcher claims that he helped make the world's first genetically edited babies — twin girls born this month whose DNA he said he altered with a powerful new tool capable of rewriting the very blueprint of life. If true, it would be a profound leap of science and ethics.

A U.S. scientist said he took part in the work in China, but this kind of gene editing is banned in the United States because the DNA changes can pass to future generations and it risks harming other genes.

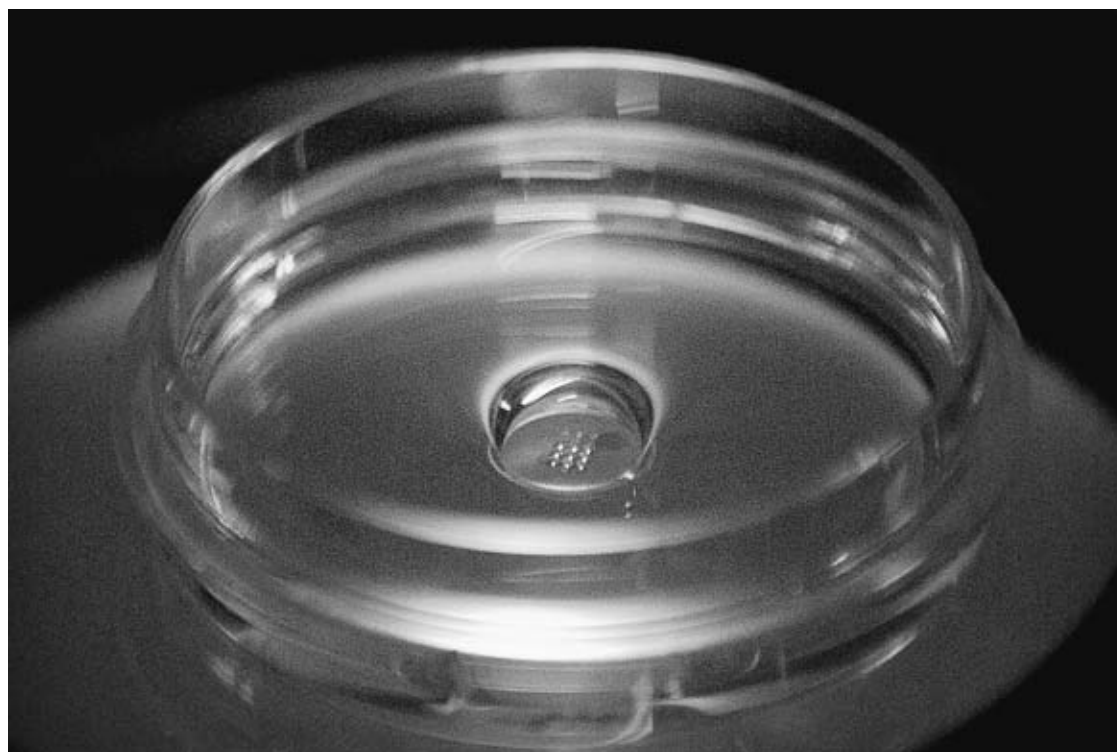
Many mainstream scientists think it's too unsafe to try, and some denounced the Chinese report as human experimentation.

The researcher, He Jiankui of Shenzhen, said he altered embryos for seven couples during fertility treatments, with one pregnancy resulting thus far. He said his goal was not to cure or prevent an inherited disease, but to try to bestow a trait that few people naturally have — an ability to resist possible future infection with HIV, the AIDS virus.

He said the parents involved declined to be identified or interviewed, and he would not say where they live or where the work was done. There is no independent confirmation of He's claim, and it has not been published in a journal, where it would be vetted by other experts.

He revealed it Monday in Hong Kong to one of the organizers of an international conference on gene editing that is set to begin Tuesday, and earlier in exclusive interviews with The Associated Press.

"I feel a strong responsibility



In this Oct. 9, 2018 photo, a microplate containing embryos that have been injected with Cas9 protein and PCSK9 sgRNA is seen in a laboratory in Shenzhen in southern China's Guangdong province.

ity that it's not just to make a first, but also make it an example," He told the AP. "Society will decide what to do next" in terms of allowing or forbidding such science.

Some scientists were astounded to hear of the claim and strongly condemned it.

It's "unconscionable ... an experiment on human beings that is not morally or ethically defensible," said Dr. Kiran Musunuru, a University of Pennsylvania gene editing expert and editor of a genetics journal. "This is far too premature," said Dr. Eric Topol, who heads the Scripps Research Translational Institute in California. "We're dealing with the operating instructions of a human being. It's a big deal."

However, one famed geneticist, Harvard University's George Church, defended attempting gene editing for HIV, which he called "a major and growing public

health threat."

"I think this is justifiable," Church said of that goal.

In recent years scientists have discovered a relatively easy way to edit genes, the strands of DNA that govern the body, using a tool that makes it possible to supply a needed gene or disable one that's causing problems.

It's only recently been tried in adults to treat deadly diseases, and the changes are confined to that person.

Editing sperm, eggs or embryos is different — the changes can be inherited. In the U.S., it's not allowed except for lab research. China outlaws human cloning but not specifically gene editing.

He Jiankui (HEH JEE'-an-qway) studied at Rice and Stanford universities in the U.S. before opening a lab at Southern University of Science and Technology of China in Shenzhen, where he also has two genetics companies.

The U.S. scientist who worked with him on this project after He returned to China was physics and bioengineering professor Michael Deem, who was his adviser at Rice.

Deem also holds what he called "a small stake" in and serves on the scientific advisory boards of He's two companies.

The Chinese scientist said he chose to try embryo gene editing for HIV because those infections are a big problem in China. He sought to disable a gene called CCR5 that forms a protein doorway allowing HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, to enter a cell.

All the men in the project had HIV and all the women did not, but the gene editing was not aimed at preventing the small risk of transmission, He said. The fathers had their infections deeply suppressed by standard HIV medicines and there are simple ways to keep them from infecting offspring.

Instead, the appeal was to offer couples affected by HIV a chance to have a child that might be protected from a similar fate.

He said the gene editing occurred during IVF, or lab dish fertilization.

First, sperm was "washed" to separate it from semen, the fluid where HIV can lurk. A single sperm was placed into a single egg to create an embryo. Then the gene editing tool was used.

When the embryos were 3 to 5 days old, a few cells were removed and checked for editing. Couples could choose whether to use edited or unedited embryos for pregnancy attempts.

Eleven embryos were used in six attempts before the twin pregnancy was achieved, He said.

Tests suggest that one twin had both copies of the intended gene altered and the other twin had just one altered, with no evidence of harm to other genes, He said. People with one copy can still get HIV.

Several scientists reviewed materials that He provided to the AP and said tests so far are insufficient to draw conclusions.

It's unclear whether participants fully understood the purpose and potential risks and benefits. For example, consent forms called the project an "AIDS vaccine development" program.

The study participants are not ethicists, He said, but "are as much authorities on what is correct and what is wrong because it's their life on the line."

"I believe this is going to help the families and their children," He said. If it causes unwanted side effects or harm, "I would feel the same pain as they do and it's going to be my own responsibility." □

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Italy livid about deal to loan Leonardo works to Louvre

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — So versatile were Leonardo da Vinci's talents in art and science and so boundless his visionary imagination, he is known to the world as the universal genius.

But not to Italy's nationalist-tilting government, which is livid about plans by the Louvre museum in Paris for a blockbuster exhibit next year with as many as possible Leonardo masterpieces loaned from Italian museums to mark the 500th anniversary of the Renaissance artist's death.

"It's unfair, a mistaken deal," Italian Culture Ministry Undersecretary Lucia Borgonzoni said of a 2017 agreement between a previous government and the Louvre. "Leonardo is an Italian genius," she told The Associated Press this week.

Borgonzoni is a senator from the League, the "Italians-first" sovereignty-championing party in the nearly six-month-old populist government.

She was elaborating on comments earlier this month, in Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*, in which she said of Leonardo: "In France, all he did was die." Leonardo was born in 1452 in the Tuscan town of Vinci,



In this Monday, March 12, 2007, file photo, workers in the Uffizi Museum in Florence, Italy, put the 6.5-foot-long, 3-foot-tall Leonardo da Vinci's "Annunciation" painting in three protective crates filled with shock-absorbers and high-tech sensors for departure Tuesday for a show at Japan's National Museum in Tokyo.

Italy, and died in Amboise, France, in 1519.

Borgonzoni criticized how as part of the 2017 arrangement, Italy also pledged to program its own exhibits so they won't compete with the Louvre mega-show.

The Louvre declined to comment on Italy's objections, nor say which artworks it requested from Ita-

ly, noting it's nearly a year before the four-months-long exhibit opens on Oct. 24, 2019. Exhibit curator, Vincent Delieuvin, part of the Louvre's staff, also serves on the Italian Culture Ministry's committee which evaluated proposals from museums worldwide for the celebrations. He didn't reply to an emailed request

for comment.

"While respecting the autonomy of museums, national interests can't be put in second place," Borgonzoni told *Corriere*. "The French can't have everything." And it appears they won't get all they want.

The Uffizi Galleries in Florence is considering loaning the Louvre several Leon-

ardo drawings. But director Eike D. Schmidt said his museum is nixing the Louvre's request for its stellar trio of Leonardo paintings because "simply, these works are so extremely fragile. No museum in the world would ever lend them."

Last summer, when the three Leonardos were moved one flight up in the Uffizi so they would have a room all to themselves, the transfer required preparations "like it was an expedition to Mount Everest, or a space trip to the Moon," with restoration experts on hand just in case anything got damaged, Schmidt said in a phone interview.

One of the three paintings, "Adoration of the Magi," only came back to the Uffizi last year, after five years of restoration work in Florence. In 2007, when "Annunciation," a painting on wood by a 20-year-old Leonardo depicting the Archangel Gabriel proffering a lily to the Virgin, was about to leave the Uffizi for a Tokyo exhibition, a senator from the conservative Forza Italia (Let's Go Italy) party and several Florentines chained themselves to a museum gate in a vain attempt to thwart the precious masterpiece from being flown to Japan. □

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Music Review: Anderson .Paak cruises home on 'Oxnard'

By MELANIE J. SIMS

Associated Press

Anderson .Paak, "Oxnard" (Aftermath/12 Tone Music) Anderson .Paak isn't far from the beach, but he's certainly left the shore. His latest set, "Oxnard," whisks fans from the ocean breeziness of his Grammy-nominated second album "Malibu," and waves them into the passenger seat for a gritty, funk-filled ride further inland to his hometown in Southern California, for which the new album is named.

The trip is nothing short of thrilling. Paak's collaboration with executive producer Dr. Dre is a beautiful thing, with their expert wielding of a seemingly endless range

of instruments, including high-flying flute, chimes and drums. And that's just to name the pieces that come together on album-opener "The Chase," which sounds perfectly fit for the soundtrack of a 1970s Blaxploitation film.

Paak dons a 90's vibe on the Snoop Dogg-assisted "Anywhere," and he takes cues from other genres, too, like on the island-tinged "Saviers Road," where he shouts out his doubters and details the struggle of his come-up. "I was somewhere in between giving up, and doing a sentence," he raps of life a decade ago.

Upbeat singles "Tints" featuring Kendrick Lamar and "Who R U?" are no-brainer

wins for Paak, and with guests like J. Cole on the lovely, soulful "Trippy," the odds are in Paak's favor. But he succeeds when he pushes the envelope, too, like on standout track "6 Summers," where he delves into the issue of gun violence.

"There's money to be made in the killing spree/that's why he trying to start a war on the Twitter feed," Paak spits, before he returns to his refrain: "Pop, pop, pop goes the shooter/reform, reform shoulda came sooner." And, if it is not clear who Paak is addressing, he makes it obvious, adding: "Dear Mr. President/it's evident that you don't give a damn..." □



This cover image released by Aftermath/12 Tone Music shows "Oxnard," a release by Anderson .Paak.

Associated Press

With J.K. Rowling's help, Jude Law builds a new Dumbledore

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Jude Law met with J.K. Rowling about portraying the younger version of Albus Dumbledore, the two discussed how to rebuild the fan-favorite character from the "Harry Potter" films. Law spent an afternoon jotting down notes from Rowling who talked to him about Dumbledore's life before becoming the world's most powerful wizard. The British actor walked away with a vote of confidence from the famed author, alleviating some pressure on him. "When the boss says 'I like you,' it gives you a little bit of comfort," Law said of Rowling, screenwriter of the "Harry Potter" prequel series that is based on her 2001 book "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." "You can't help but step into something like this, playing a part like this without feeling a sense of responsibility, a fear of letting someone down. But when the creator gives you the thumbs up, it's a blessing."



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Jude Law in a scene from "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald."

Dumbledore was a Hogwarts headmaster in the "Potter" franchise commonly known for his silver hair and long beard, sporting a loose robe. He was played by Michael Gambon after inheriting the role from the Richard Harris, who died in 2002.

Law's youthful version enters in his mid-40s wearing a three-piece suit with short auburn hair in the se-

quel "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," which will be released Friday. It's the second part of a five-film franchise that started with 2016's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," which grossed \$813 million worldwide.

In "Grindelwald," Law's character works with his former student Eddie Redmayne's Newt Scamander to thwart the divisive wizard leader Gellert Grindelwald, played by Johnny Depp. The film also stars Katherine Waterston, Zoe Kravitz and Ezra Miller.

For research, Law read several Harry Potter books that referenced Dumbledore, rather than solely watching the previous films featuring the elder character. With the help of Rowling and director David Yates, they wanted to build from the "ground up."

"I was then given the opportunity to create him

without feeling the pressure to mimic or impersonate or indeed hang the character too much on past representations by the other actors," Law said. "There were certain traits I wanted to include. I loved his humor, the twinkle he had. He sees the good in almost everyone. He has a good heart. But I was able to layer him up a little more."

Redmayne said the studio perfectly cast Law as Dumbledore, who doesn't necessarily show his true powers and appears only in about six scenes — most of which are interactions with Scamander.

"Being a formidable, formidable actor with great gravitas and weight and yet at the same time, he has this kind of playful quality," Redmayne said of Law. "And I'll never forget our first scene, which was the first time we see each other in the film. I just saw his back,

basically. And the way he turned around, it was instant. It was like in one look, he had managed to inhabit that. I hadn't had any expectations about Dumbledore. But somehow it was solidified in one look."

The sequel picks up after Grindelwald was captured by the Magical Congress of the United States of America with the aid of Newt at the end of the first film. But the villainous wizard finds a way to escape custody and assembles a group of pureblood wizards who support him to rule over all humans in 1920s Paris.

Law says the film opens the door to many dramatic paths and explores a more troubled time in Dumbledore's life along with his once-close relationship with Grindelwald.

Rowling announced in 2007 that Dumbledore is gay after the release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the final book in the series. Some on social media criticized the author's decision to unveil and tinker with the beloved character's sexuality, but she has defended her actions. Law assures the story is more focused on his character's complicated relationship with Grindelwald from decades ago, rather than Dumbledore's sexuality. "His sexuality doesn't define him, but the relationship with Grindelwald does," Law said. "I believe, and (Rowling) would agree, that Albus had many intimate relationships. And the one he has is the love of his life, which is damaged."

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Combs, other celebs say goodbye to Kim Porter with fireworks

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COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) —

Fireworks marked the end of the graveside service at the funeral of Kim Porter, the longtime former girlfriend of music mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs. The funeral was held Saturday in Porter's hometown of Columbus, Georgia, at

a megachurch that can seat 2,500.

The Ledger-Enquirer reported that along with Combs, record producer Russell Simmons, artists Usher, Mary J. Blige, Lil' Kim, Mase, Faith Evans and Yolanda Adams were all at the service, which ended with fireworks

Porter was an actress and model and the mother of three of Combs' children. She was buried in the same cemetery as her mother. Porter was found dead in her Los Angeles home on Nov. 15. She was 47. Authorities have not released a cause of death.

Oscar-winning director Bernardo Bertolucci dies at 77

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci, who won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world, died Monday. He was 77.

Bertolucci's press office, Punto e Virgola, confirmed the death in an email to The Associated Press. Italy's state-run RAI said Bertolucci died at his home in Rome, surrounded by family.

"He will be remembered among the greatest in Italian and world film," the Venice Film Festival, which awarded Bertolucci a lifetime achievement award in 2007, said in a statement. Bertolucci's movies often explored the sexual relations among characters stuck in a psychological crisis, as in "Last Tango," which was banned in his own Italy for over a decade. The self-professed Marxist also did not shy away from politics and ideology, as in "The Conformist," which some critics consider Bertolucci's masterpiece.

Despite working with A-list American and international stars, Bertolucci always defended his own film-making style against what he said was the pressure of the U.S. film industry. He maintained critical success for most of his career, weathering the controversies that his sexually provocative work would stir and some commercial flops.

"When it comes to commercial cinema, I have the strange pleasure of feeling that I'm from another tribe, an infiltrator," he told Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* in 1990.

He was honored for lifetime achievement at the Cannes film festival in 2011. Bertolucci's movies also bore the imprint of the director's own experiences in psychoanalysis. He always said that making films was his way of communicating with the audience. It was his personal language.

"Maybe I'm an idealist, but I still think of the movie theater as a cathedral where we all go together to



In this file photo taken on Oct. 18, 2012, Italian film director Bernardo Bertolucci poses for photographers during a photo call in Rome. Bertolucci, who won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world, has died at the age of 77.

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dream the dream together," he said upon receiving an award from the Director's Guild of America for his 1987 film "The Last Emperor." That movie handed Bertolucci his greatest success. In 1988 it won all the nine Academy Awards that it had been nominated for — including best movie and best director.

The movie — the first Western feature film to win permission to shoot in Beijing's Forbidden City — follows the life of China's last emperor, from child-king at the end of the Qing Dynasty to war criminal and finally to an ordinary citizen in the People's Republic.

It was filmed in the lush and vivid style that was one of Bertolucci's trademarks. It featured grandiose scenes and intimate moments, and a flashback structure that is typical of biopics.

Cinematographer Vittorio Storaro, who often worked with Bertolucci and won one of his three Oscars with "Last Emperor," compared the director to William Faulkner.

"His style is not unlike that of Faulkner who'll go on for 30 pages without a period. Bernardo doesn't just use the camera to convey just one sentence. Everything flows into everything else," said Storaro.

Bertolucci was born in the northern city of Parma on March 16, 1941, the son of poet Attilio Bertolucci and his wife Ninetta. The family moved to Rome when Bertolucci was 13.

He had originally wanted to be a poet like his father, but later turned to movies. He began his career while still a student at the University of Rome as an assistant director on Pier Paolo Pasolini's film "Accattone." A year later, in 1962, he made his first film "The Grim Reaper," about the murder of a prostitute.

Soon he established himself as one of the brightest young stars of international cinema. By his early 30s, he had already directed highly acclaimed movies: "Before the Revolution" in 1964, a reflection on politics and the middle-class set in the director's hometown; "The Spider's Stratagem" in 1970, the story of a man who returns to the scene of the killing of his father, an anti-Fascist hero, to discover a web of lies; and "The Conformist," which is based on an Alberto Moravia novel and depicts the struggle of a man, Jean-Louis Trintignant, to conform to society and expectations in Fascist Italy.

But it was with "Last Tango" that Bertolucci shot to star-

dom, and notoriety.

The film, starring Marlon Brando and Maria Schneider as a middle-aged man and younger woman who engage in a brutal sexual relationship in a bare Paris apartment, shocked the world and incurred censorship in his native country.

But its raw and improvisational style also earned Brando and Bertolucci Oscar nominations and was likened by New Yorker film critic Pauline Kael to Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" as a revolutionary work of art.

The movie was banned in Italy just after its release in 1972, and was not released again until 1987. The case went back and forth in the courts until the high criminal court banned the film in 1976 and ordered all copies confiscated and destroyed. Bertolucci, Brando and Schneider, as well as the producer Alberto Grimaldi, were sentenced to two months in jail and a fine of \$40 each — although the jail terms were suspended.

Schneider herself would say she was traumatized by the movie. The actress, who died in 2011, was just 19 during filming and told the Daily Mail in 2007 that a rape scene involving a stick of butter was included

without warning.

"I should have called my agent or had my lawyer come to the set because you can't force someone to do something that isn't in the script, but at the time, I didn't know that," she said. "Marlon said to me: 'Maria, don't worry, it's just a movie,' but during the scene, even though what Marlon was doing wasn't real, I was crying real tears. I felt humiliated and to be honest, I felt a little raped, both by Marlon and by Bertolucci. After the scene, Marlon didn't console me or apologize. Thankfully, there was just one take," she said.

Bertolucci then embarked on his most ambitious project, a four-hour epic tale on the lives of two boys — Gerard Depardieu and Robert De Niro — through the political upheavals of the past century in Italy. The movie — "1900" — won some critical praise, but ended up a spectacular commercial flop.

Bertolucci's later movies included "The Sheltering Sky," featuring Debra Winger and John Malkovich as an American couple trying to inject new life into their relationship during a trip to Africa. The 1990 work won Bertolucci a nomination at the Golden Globes.

He also directed "Little Buddha" in 1993 with Keanu Reeves as Siddhartha; "Stealing Beauty" in 1996 starring Liv Tyler as a teenager discovering sex during a trip to Italy; "The Dreamers," again an erotic drama set against a political backdrop — in this case the 1968 student riots in Paris — starring Eva Green and Louis Garrel as cinema-loving siblings who strike up a friendship with visiting American student Michael Pitt. The film featured full-frontal male nudity but was released uncut in the United States.

Bertolucci was married to the English writer and director Clare Peploe. They had no children.

Peploe is the sister of Mark Peploe, a screenwriter and close friend of Bertolucci's who worked with the director on a number of projects. □

China's model village of ethnic unity shows cracks in façade

By **EMILY WANG**
Associated Press

HOTAN UNITY NEW VILLAGE, China (AP) — In this corner of China's far west, rows of identical white concrete houses with red metal roofs rise abruptly above the sand dunes of the harsh Taklamakan Desert. A Chinese flag flutters above the settlement, and a billboard at the entrance says, "Welcome to the Hotan Unity New Village."

This is a Communist Party showcase for its efforts to tame the Xinjiang region, the heartland of China's often restive Uighur Muslim minority and an unforgiving terrain. The free or low-cost houses are assigned alternately to Uighurs and Han Chinese, who work side-by-side in greenhouses and send their children to school together. It is the future the party envisions for Xinjiang after a massive security crackdown that has sent by some estimates more than a million Muslims to internment camps, and many of their children to orphanages.

But a closer look at what the party calls "ethnic unity" reveals what isn't there: mosques for Muslim worshippers, or traditional Uighur brick homes, often adorned with pointed arches and carved decorations. In their place are colorful murals of what authorities consider to be scenes of unity, such as a Uighur man and his family holding a Chinese flag. In the village's new public square, Uighur children banter with Han Chinese children in fluent Mandarin, the language of the Han majority, rather than in their native tongue. Young Uighur women wear Western clothing without the headscarves that are part of traditional Muslim dress.

While these are voluntary settlements with economic benefits, experts and Uighur activists believe they are part of an aggressive government campaign to erode the identities of the Central Asian groups who called the region home long before waves of Han

migrants arrived in recent decades.

"'Ethnic unity' is a euphemism for taming, breaking the Uighur people," says Joanne Smith Finley, an

already has been completed, and a giant sculpture of a pomegranate is prominently placed at the center of the village to symbolize unity.

crackdown on Muslims in Xinjiang has made it risky for ordinary Muslims to discuss their religious practices, and when speaking to reporters in front of gov-

speak Uighur and cannot communicate with her Uighur neighbors, but she says the layout encourages interaction.

In a greenhouse a few dozen meters away, Uighur Abudu Mijiti has just begun planting chili with his wife. He moved to the village three years ago to make a more stable living. Two of his three children go to the local school and are fluent in Chinese, he says, as a government minder looks on. "For us, it's good, it helps learning our national language," he says. "And because our next-door neighbor is Chinese, as we go in and out, it helps improve ethnic unity."

On the surface, the picture presented at the Hotan Unity New Village reflects the government's vision of an "idealized place," says David O'Brien, an expert at the University of Nottingham. "Every single part of it is the official narrative," O'Brien says. "The narrative is, water will flow to the desert. The narrative is, if you come here great opportunity awaits you. The narrative that people will be secular, they will learn Mandarin."

Yet the settlement remains only partly inhabited. The city says there are 534 households in the compound, but most of the houses are empty. A drive through reveals rows of empty greenhouses and house after house with a sign that says "sealed off" patched onto padlocked or chained gates.

Under the sweltering desert sun, one Han Chinese farmer tending to her plot of Chinese chives complains that water is scarce and her previous batch of chives had to be thrown out.

Even when the crops work out, the chives sell for less than one yuan (14 cents) per kilogram.

"Not even enough for food," she grumbles. "You cannot feed yourself just working on greenhouses." In the absence of government minders, the woman goes on. □



In this Sept. 20, 2018, photo, an Uighur child plays alone in the courtyard of a home at the Unity New Village in Hotan, in western China's Xinjiang region.

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expert in Uighur identity at Newcastle University in the U.K. "This is putting flowery bright wallpaper over a damp wall, a rotting wall." Construction of the village began in 2014 with a planned investment of 1.7 billion yuan (\$247 million). The goal was to build 5,000 homes and 10,000 greenhouses, according to local reports, to turn a large swath of desert into farmland and create a shared prosperity among Uighurs and Han Chinese.

Around the same time, the Communist Party came forth with a new strategy focused on ethnic mingling. Subsequently, at least one county offered financial incentives for Uighur-Han intermarriages, while others have launched programs encouraging Uighur families to move into Han Chinese residential areas.

China is building several such mixed settlements in Xinjiang. A similar village is under construction as a tourist attraction near Kuqa, around 600 kilometers (372 miles) from Hotan. A concrete yurt known as the "solidarity farmhouse"

In Hotan, there are signs that the government's experiment is making inroads. Uighur farmers toil alongside Han Chinese to farm crops in what was once barren desert land, and both groups live in modern houses equipped with gas, electricity and water. A billboard displays a picture of President Xi Jinping and a group of Uighur elders joining hands and, according to the caption, "linking hearts." Yet there are also signs of enduring mistrust. As elsewhere in Xinjiang, high walls around homes are topped with barbed wire, and police officers stand guard from behind fences at the entrance of the village. Adults don't mix socially — at night, a group of Han Chinese dance in the square while the Uighur residents chat among themselves on the sidelines. A Uighur farmer who moved to the village last September says authorities provided him with free housing and utilities, two greenhouses, a small orchard with grapevines and a barn with sheep, chickens, and pigeons. But the

ernment observers, he insists he was never a Muslim. Another Uighur farmer in his early seventies, Muzitohtahon, says he is no longer a Muslim. Uighur and Han villagers do seem united by at least one factor — their desire to escape poverty. Rural areas in Xinjiang, including Hotan, rank among the poorest in China, with many families lacking even the most basic utilities and food. The financial incentives are also a key draw for Han Chinese from other impoverished regions of China. Last May, 58-year-old Xiao Eying, who is Han Chinese, moved to this village from her hometown in the southern province of Hunan, over 4,000 kilometers away. "It is better than our hometown," she says, as she rakes sheep, chicken and cow manure inside her greenhouse.

For 60,000 yuan (\$8,700), her family bought a two-bedroom home with a small orchard and two greenhouses. The two grandchildren she lives with are given free tuition, school lunches, and even a free set of clothes. Xiao admits she doesn't